

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING HELD IN ALEXANDRIA

JUNE 23, 1967

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 24 and 25, 1967. (2)
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- ✓ 3. Request for approval on requirement of physical examination for all new employees. (2)
- ✓ 4. Request for approval that requirement age limit of 35 be made for hiring beginning Wildlife Agent I's. *Ref. Sgt.* (3)
- ✓ 5. Approval of advance payment of \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited on the 1966-67 hunting licenses. (3)
- ✓ 6. Approval of Pan American Petroleum Corporations' request for salt water disposal well on Rockefeller Refuge. (5)
- ✓ 7. Purchase of land at Cypremort Point for boat launching ramp for transportation to Marsh Island Refuge. (5)
- ✓ 8. Approval of bids received for construction of three pumping stations at Rockefeller Refuge, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes. Low bidder, Delta Iron Works, Inc. of Houma, La. - \$290,351.08. (7)
- ✓ 9. Approval of bids received on the construction of Sheet Pile structures at Rockefeller Refuge, Cameron Parish. Low bidder, Ravo Construction Company, Inc., of Harvey, La. - \$112,547.35. (8)
- ✓ 10. Bids received on the construction of a flatdeck spud barge on Marsh Island Refuge. Low bidder, Intercoastal Shipyard, Inc., of Morgan City, La. - \$33,308.00. (10)
- ✓ 11. Approval of bids received on the construction of equipment platform to be located at Rockefeller Refuge. Low bidder, J. Ray McDermott, of Lafayette, La. - \$77,775.00. (11)
- ✓ 12. Request for permit to dredge for clay and fill material from the St. Malo Channel by the La. Cement Company. (11)
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- ✓ 16. Approval of back pay of retirement for Mr. James M. Ferritt. (16)

- ✓ 17. Ratification of acceptance of lowest bid on repairs to the Bayou Benoit Boat Launching Ramp - Kingston Construction Co., Inc. of New Iberia, \$5,952.00. (17)
- ✓ 18. Approval of acceptance of shell planting contract in Grand (Half-Moon) Island and Black Bay areas - Radcliff Materials. (18)
- ✓ 19. Approval of acceptance of contract for estuarine film with Charlie/Papa Productions, Inc. of Washington, D. C. (19)

20. OTHER BUSINESS:

The following people made comments and requests to the Commission:

- ✓ Mayor Brownell of Morgan City on establishing G.M.A. in his area (21)
- ✓ Representative Karl Bauer, State Representative and Commission adopted resolution on possibility of establishing G.M.A. (24)
- Mr. Joe Russo, St. Mary Parish Police Jury (26)
- Mr. Earl G. Luke, St. Mary Parish Police Jury (27)
- Mr. Bill Day, Vice-Chairman of Buhlow Lake Game and Fish Commission and also spoke as private citizen and tax payer. (28)
- Mr. William B. Phillips (33)
- Mr. Sylvan Aycock (35)
- Mr. Arthur Darnsteadt (46)
- Mr. Joe Springer (48)
- Mr. Frank Adams (52)
- Mr. M. D. Regions (53)
- Representative Tubby Lyons, State Representative (56)
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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23, 1967.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Friday meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Friday, June 23, 1967, at 9:30 A.M. in the Magnolia Room of the Ramada Inn, in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

H. Clay Wright

Mr. Hobson Norris was absent for the Thursday meeting, but in attendance for the Public Meeting held on Friday morning.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The La. Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's regular monthly meeting is now in session. At this time, we have two of our Commission Members who are slightly delayed. They will be here momentarily, but we will go on ahead with the meeting because of the time matter. The first thing on our agenda, I would like to ask for the approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 24th and 25th. Moved by Mr. A. J. Buquet and seconded by Mr. Kyle. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of April 24 and 25, 1967, was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Second on our agenda is the approval of the minutes as printed on the meeting of May 22nd and May 23rd. Moved by Mr. Clay Wright. Do I hear a second? Seconded by Mr. Jerry Jones. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of May 22 and 23, 1967, was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: At this time, I would like to ask Dr. Glasgow, if he will please, Sir, tell us about our new employees.

DR. GLASGOW: Since I have been Director, there has been an occasion or two when we have had employees who have been working for us for such a short period of time, a year or two, whose physical condition was not suitable for the type of employment they were carrying out. Therefore, it is my recom...., these people came to us with no physical exam whatever. Therefore, it is my recommendation that all employees be required to take a physical exam before they can be hired. Also, the next recommendation is for beginning, age limit on beginning Wildlife Agents. That's agent I's. At one time, there was an age limit set by the Commission, for some unknown reason it was taken off. If we employ older men, as

Agent I's, they have very little time to serve the Commission. It does take time for people to learn their jobs and then, when they become a productive employee, the older people have few years to serve. Therefore, I would recommend that the age limit for beginning Wildlife Agent I's be set at 35.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, we will ask for some action on that by the Board and I will take the first one of the recommendations, the physical examination first. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Ed Kyle, seconded by Mr. A. J. Buquet. If I hear no opposition, then be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that all candidate employees of the Commission be required to have a physical examination from a medical doctor stating their condition of health.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And, on the second recommendation, the setting of age limit for beginning Agent I's at 35 years. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Buquet, Do I hear a second? Seconded by Mr. Kyle. If I hear no opposition, it also be so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby make it mandatory upon hiring new Wildlife Agent I's, that it be required that they shall not exceed 35 years of age.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Hobson, we are waiting for you. We figured that you would appreciate us doing a little of your work for you. Mr. Hobson Norris. At this time, I would like to call to the microphone Mr. Dick Yancey. Dick, if you will go through your list, please Sir.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, this is the proposed allocation of \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited, at this time, for work on behalf of migratory

waterfowl on the breeding grounds up in Canada. As in the past, it would be stipulated in this allocation that the money would be used to create, restore or preserve marshes in the prairie provinces of Western Canada that will serve as high quality breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl that will use the Mississippi Flyway of which Louisiana is a part. Now, on several occasions, employees and Members of the Commission have looked over D.U. projects in Western Canada and we have always felt that they are doing a wonderful job up there and preserving and developing habitat for use by migratory waterfowl that use this Mississippi Flyway. Of course, they annually spend about a million dollars to work up in that breeding ground area and we would recommend this allocation to Ducks Unlimited at this time. This is in conformance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Clay Wright, seconded by Mr. Buquet. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited annually spends approximately one million dollars on marsh development projects in Canada for ducks and geese that winter in the Mississippi Flyway.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the advance payment of \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., on the 1966-67 hunting licenses sales. R. S. 56:104, E (1) authorizes the expenditure of twenty-five cents from each hunting license sold in Louisiana to be used for the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl through Ducks Unlimited in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, Pan American Petroleum Corporation is requesting a permit to install a salt water disposal well on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, down in Cameron Parish. This well will be used to re-inject salt water originating from their production facilities on the Refuge and, of course, all of us realize that this is a sound pollution control measure. It is one that we are very happy to cooperate with them on. We would like to recommend that the Commission approve at this time the permit for them to construct and install this salt water disposal well.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: What is your pleasure, Gentlemen? Moved by Mr. Jerry Jones, seconded by Mr. Clay Wright. Hearing no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval to the Pan American Petroleum Corporation for the installation of a salt water disposal well for the purpose of re-injecting salt water produced by their present facilities, located on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. This permit is granted provided the Pan American Petroleum Corporation adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon them for the prevention of pollution and protection of wildlife resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, this is to propose the purchase of a water side lot, down on Cypermort Point in Iberia Parish. This would be acquired for the purpose of servicing the operations of the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This is the 80,000 acre Refuge that we have out in Vermilion Bay. Of course, access to our operations there is gained by our personnel by driving to Cypermort Point and then crossing Vermilion Bay by boat. For many years, we have been using private

docking facilities at Cypremort Point. Certainly we have had our problems there, because we have to load and unload some very heavy equipment and large quantities of materials and supplies that are used out on the Island for developing the area for wildlife purposes. We feel that this acquisition will simplify the operations of the Refuge and we would like to propose at this time that the Commission approve this purchase. Now, this particular lot is being offered by the owners for a sum of \$7500.00 and the purchase has been examined by representatives of the Division of Administration and they have approved in writing this acquisition. The legal work has been handled by the Commission's attorneys, particularly Mr. George Stringer and he has prepared an Act of Sale paper on this and also, we have a Title Insurance Binder that has no exceptions in it. So we will have a clear title to this property and we would like to recommend that the Commission approve of this purchase at this time.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Ed Kyle, seconded by Mr. Hobson Norris. Hearing no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase the following described property located in St. Mary Parish, La. from Jim Roy Development Co., Inc., Leo Knight and Shelby H. Green for the price and sum of SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED (\$7500.00) DOLLARS:

A certain tract of land containing 0.257 acre more or less situated in the Jim Roy Development Company et al Lands at Cypremort Point, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, in Section 30, T 15 S, R 6 E; bounded on the North by a private road, on the East by the east half of a private road on the South and West by lands of Jim Roy Development Company et al Lands and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 4" x 4" concrete post identified as Point No. 58 on map showing "Lands of A. P. Moresi, Inc." by R. B. Marie, Land Surveyor, dated November 12, 1960 and recorded as Act No. 111, 802 in Conveyance Book No. 11-U on Page No. 380 of the St. Mary Parish conveyance records; thence N 2 degrees 33'W towards Point No. 57 of said map showing "Lands of A. P. Moresi, Inc." a distance of 737.00 feet to a 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pipe being on line between said Point Nos. 57 and 58; thence S 57 degrees

25' 58" W a distance of 14.44 feet to a point on the centerline of a 25' wide private road, the point of beginning; continuing S 57 degrees 25' 58" West a distance of 131.46 feet along the south-southeast edge of a 30' wide private road to a point; thence S 2 degrees 33' E a distance 65.63 feet to a point; thence N 87 degrees 27' E a distance of 113.83 feet to a point on the center line of said 25' wide private road; thence N 2 degrees 33' W a distance of 131.39 feet along the centerline of said 25' wide private road to the point of beginning. All as shown on drawing file No. M-2043-2, dated January 1967 prepared by the Louisiana Department of Public Works, Baton Rouge, La.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmie Thompson, Chairman be and he is hereby appointed and authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the aforementioned property, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses of the purchase.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, we would also like to propose that the Commission approve the construction of three major water control facilities on three of the large impoundments on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge down in Cameron and Vermillion Parishes. Particularly, these would be installed in levees that surround impoundments Nos. 8, 13 and 14. The purpose of this project would be to further improve the marshes there for wildlife, particularly migratory waterfowl. Of course, we are required to further develop this area in compliance with the Deed of Donation, under which the Rockefeller Foundation gave this property to the State. Now, the Commission first started this development project on the refuge back in 1955 and, as a result of this, duck usage has increased from about 75,000 up to, around, 600,000, with an average wintering population of around 400,000. Now, the installation of these structures will further improve the marshes and the carrying capacities in these impoundments for migratory waterfowl. With these structures in place, the impoundments can be de-watered for the production of wild millet and re-flooded during the fall in order to

make this food supply available for wintering waterfowl. Now, the plans and specifications for this work were prepared by the Department of Public Works and they advertised for bids for the prescribed period of time. They received three bids on June 19th. The low bidder was Delta Iron Works of Houma, in the amount of \$290,000.00. Bids ranged up to \$314,000.00. We would like to recommend, at this time, that the Commission approve the issuance of a contract through the Department of Public Works, to the low bidder, Delta Iron Works of Houma.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: What is your pleasure, Gentleman? Moved by Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones. I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Rockefeller Deed of Donation, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is required to develop and improve the duck usage in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has requested the Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on the Construction of three pumping stations to be located on impoundments Nos. 8, 13 and 14 on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, in Cameron and Vermillion Parishes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to Delta Iron Works, Inc. of Houma, Louisiana, the low bidder out of a total of three, in the amount of \$290,351.08 for the construction of three pumping stations on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, this is to propose the installation of another water control structure on the Rockefeller Refuge and also a bulkhead to be located at the main headquarters of the refuge. Now, the purpose of this water control

structure would be for permitting the flow of freshwater into the impoundment No. 5, which is located below Deep Lake. This structure will connect this impoundment No. 5 to impoundment No. 6 which is connected to the Superior Canal which ranges on up into the fresh marshes north of Highway 82. This will and should increase the carrying capacity of the salt water impoundment to a level comparable to that, that we have on impoundment No. 6. Now, the duck usage that we have in impoundment No. 6 is actually running 15 to 18 times greater than in impoundment No. 5. Now, plans and specifications for this job were also prepared by the Department of Public Works and they advertised for bids and received a total of four. The low bidder was Ravo Construction Co. in the amount of \$112,547.00 and bids ranged on up to \$133,920.00. We would like to recommend that the Commission approve the issuance of a contract to the low bidder through the Department of Public Works.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Jerry Jones and seconded by Mr. Clay Wright. If there be no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works, upon request of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, advertised for bids on the construction of sheet pile work at Rockefeller Refuge receiving a total of four bids on the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to award a contract to Ravo Construction Company, Inc. of Harvey, Louisiana, the low bidder in the amount of \$112,547.35 for the construction of sheet pile structures at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, bids have also been received by the Division of Administration for the construction of a flatdeck spud barge which would be used on the Marsh Island Refuge for the purpose of transporting and operating a one yard dragline that the personnel on the refuge use for installing low sill weirs in the marsh for improvement for wildlife purposes. Now, bids on this were received by the Division of Administration and they received a, the bids were opened on June 13th, and they received a total of seven. The low bidder was Intercoastal Shipyard of Morgan City, in the amount of \$33,308.00 and the other six bids ranged on up to \$48,850.00. We would like to recommend that the Commission award a contract, through the Division of Administration, to the low bidder for the construction of this spud barge.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Ed Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration has advertised for and received a total of seven bids on the construction of a flatdeck spud barge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to Intercoastal Shipyard, Inc. of Morgan City, La., the low bidder, in the amount of \$33,308.00, for the construction of a flatdeck spud barge to be used on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge for the purpose of operating and transporting a one yard dragline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Dick, I believe you had left out one there, No. 10, J. Ray McDermott of Lafayette on Rockefeller Refuge.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: I sure did. This item is for the construction of an equipment storage facility to be located at the Rockefeller Refuge headquarters and this facility is particularly needed during hurricane period times down on the refuge area. Now, bids were opened by the Division of Administration on May 18th. They received two bids. The low bid was offered by J. Ray McDermott, of Lafayette, in the amount of \$77,775.00 and we would like to recommend, at this time, that the Commission approve the issuance of a contract to the low bidder, through the Division of Administration.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. "Cotton" Fairchild. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration, upon request of the Commission, advertised for and received a total of two bids on the construction of an equipment platform to be located at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to J. Ray McDermott of Lafayette, La., the low bidder, in the amount of \$77,775.00 for the construction of an equipment platform to be built at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I would like to call to the microphone at this time, Dr. St. Amant.

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, we have two items today. The first is a request for a permit to

dredge for clay and fill material from the St. Malo Channel, by the La. Cement Company. Attached hereto is a letter from the La. Cement Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, requesting a permit to remove clay and certain other material from the St. Malo Channel. The purpose of this permit is two fold: 1. to deepen and widen the Channel in order to facilitate barge traffic and 2. to remove some 74,000 cubic yards of clay-like material to be used in a manufacturing process. We have examined the request and find that it meets all of the requirements set forth by this Commission and, therefore, recommend that a permit be granted.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Hobson Norris. Do I hear a second? Seconded by Mr. Ed Kyle. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to the Louisiana Cement Company's application for a permit to remove certain clay and other material from the St. Malo Channel. The purpose of this permit is to deepen and widen the channel in order to facilitate barge traffic and also to remove some 74,000 cubic yards of clay-like material to be used in a manufacturing process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second item is a decision that is to be made by the Commission with respect to the W. T. Burton Shell Account. As you will recall, it was reported to the Commission, at the last meeting, that W. T. Burton Company was in the red on certain taxes and royalties, at minimal payment to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission with respect to some shell leases in Sabine Lake and Calcasieu Lake. They requested a 30 day delay in action in order that they might make certain proposals to the Commission. This 30 days had expired and as to this

date we have had no word from the Company. It is suggested that the Commission make some decision on what we shall do with this account.

MR. JERRY JONES: How much is due?

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: \$21,000.00 approximately, I would have to check it to give you the exact amount and \$13,000.00 of this involves a minimum for the contract of \$10,000.00 a year.

MR. JERRY JONES: Mr. Chairman, I move that we initiate action to cancell this lease.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You have heard the motion, do I hear a second? Seconded by Mr. A. J. Buquet. Moved by Mr. Jerry Jones and seconded by Mr. A. J. Buquet that the contract with Mr. Burton to dredge for shell be cancelled.

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: The contract calls for a 30 day notice and what should be done on action of the Commission, now, is that a letter should be written to the company stating that they have 30 days to comply with the contract or it will be automatically cancelled.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion. If there be no opposition, it be so ordered. Thank you Dr. St. Amant.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the W. T. Burton Company is in debt to the Commission on back taxes and royalties on leased areas on the Sabine and Calcasieu Lakes, owing approximately \$21,000.00 with \$13,000.00 of this total as a minimum of the contract, and

WHEREAS, W. T. Burton Company requested an extension of 30 days on this delinquent payment, with permission being granted by the Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, since no payment has been paid by W. T. Burton Company during their extension period of 30 days, that a letter of notification be sent to the Company giving 30 days for same to comply making payment in full to the

Commission or their leases shall be terminated upon expiration of the notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in order that this directive may be properly executed.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: In the absence of Mr. Joe Herring, I would like to call to the microphone Mr. Kenneth Smith. By way of explanation, I might tell all of you dove hunters that Mr. Herring is in Washington attending...what is it? The seasons and regulations, he is up there fighting for as many doves and as many days as we can get. So I am sure we will all excuse him. Kenneth, will you, for today, take over.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have a proposed pilot study to determine the effects of chemical control on submergent aquatics or under water weeds on Lake D'Arbonne which has become a real problem. The plan would call for a \$30,000.00 treatment of chemicals in this water body of which the Corps of Engineers would pick up \$20,000.00 of the bill and then the additional \$10,000.00 would be divided between the State agencies. The Commission's proposed share of this pilot study would be \$2500.00. I would recommend that the Commission participate in this program. We think we have, we can learn a lot and those people up on the lake we can help and I would recommend that we cooperate on this pilot study.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. Moved by Mr. Cotton Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Hobson Norris. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Lake D'Arbonne is presently experiencing noxious weed problems, as are many other lakes in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on June 16, 1967, in the Farmerville, La. Courthouse for the purpose of discussing a Pilot Study Program for the eradication of noxious weeds on D'Arbonne Lake, and

WHEREAS, with the realization of \$30,000.00 this pilot study Program could be conducted for one year to study the control methods and chemicals to use.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to enter into the cost sharing pilot study, with the Commission's share being \$2500.00. It is understood that each of the following will donate a total of \$2500.00: the Louisiana Department of Public Works, the Union Parish Police Jury, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. The U. S. Corps of Engineers has agreed to donate \$20,000.00. All shares will total \$30,000.00, which is the cost for a one year pilot study program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Kenneth, may I say at this time, there is some gentlemen, I forgot who I spoke to, that wants to eradicate some weeds at his own expense and needs some technical information. I told him to see Mr. Herring at this meeting. Whoever that was, I don't remember, would you talk to Mr. Kenneth Smith and he will give you the necessary information on this weed eradication.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, we have a request from the North Louisiana Coon Hunters' Association for an event, a coon hunters' event on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. I would recommend at this time that we cooperate with these people on the one area to work out these field trials, this is sort of a new thing with us. In an effort to find out what is involved, so we can put our people in here to help these folks, I would recommend that the Commission

agree or grant this request of the Association to hold a field trial on the area, on the one area.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. HOBSON NORRIS: You have signified only one field?

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Only one area, yes. One field trial, we want to make that understood because we want to see what its about. Yes, Sir. Thank you, Sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen. Moved by Mr. Cotton Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Clay Wright. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana Coon Hunters' Association for the use of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area for the annual U. K. C. Licensed Wild Coon Hunt to be held on September 23, 1967.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, we have a request from one of our employees, Mr. Jim Perritt, a Refuge Supervisor. Mr. Perritt was employed by the Commission in 1945, he did not join the retirement system until 1959. Mr. Perritt requests that he be permitted to pay his retirement money in a lump sum, into the retirement system, if the Commission could pay its share, which it would normally pay during this period in order that he realize the maximum retirement benefits. Mr. Perritt has been a very good employee and I would recommend that you grant this request.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Hobson Norris and seconded by Mr. A. J. Buquet. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been stated by the Supervisors of Mr. James M. Perritt, Wildlife Refuge Supervisor II, that for many years he has rendered faithful and loyal service to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perritt has been employed with the Commission since November 16, 1945, but did not join the retirement system until December 1, 1959.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to pay the employer's share of back pay to validate Mr. Perritt's prior service. The Commission's share of the contribution would amount of \$3,053.20 and Mr. Perritt, the employee's share would amount to \$2,289.96, making the total cost of the contribution for back pay amount to \$5,343.16, as itemized in a statement submitted by Mr. Roy B. Schaefer, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Retirement System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, we have bids from a contractor, through the Department of Public Works, for the repair of a boat launching ramp on Bayou Benoit, in St. Martin Parish. We have had to extend this concrete ramp and open an access canal in order to provide use. This is a very popular canal down there and the Kingston Contracting Company of New Iberia is low with \$5,952.00. I would like to recommend that we accept this at this time.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? As Chairman of the Boat Ramp Committee, Mr. Ed Kyle so moves. Seconded by Mr. Hobson Norris. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered. They bet you to it, Jerry. Thank you Kenneth.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action of the Director, dated June 9, 1967, in which he requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the Kingston Construction Company, Inc. of New Iberia, La., in the amount of \$5,952.00, the low bid submitted for repairs to the Bayou Benoit Boat Launching Ramp, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. This action was taken after the Director received notice of the tabulation of bids, and after the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had been polled on the matter.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I would like to call to the microphone at this time, Dr. Ted Ford.

DR. TED FORD: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I have two items this morning. One, I would like to recommend acceptance of the Shell Planting contract issued by the Division of Administration, under Order Number 50851 for the completion of shell planting for oyster cultch. We have completed 15,150.16 cubic yards in the Grand (Half-Moon) Island area of Lake Borgne and in Black Bay, we planted 18,182.86 cubic yards. The total cost of this operation was \$104,999.01, plus a state tax, which brings it up to \$107,098.99. The work was completed on June 14th, very satisfactory under our supervision. I would like to recommend this acceptance.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. Clay Wright, seconded by Mr. Ed Kyle. If I hear no opposition, be it so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did enter into a contract, Division of Administration Order No. 50851, with Radcliff Materials, Inc. of New Orleans for the purpose of planting clam shells

as oyster cultch in two areas east of the Mississippi River, namely, the Grand (Half-Moon) Island area and the Black Bay Area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the completion of the contract titled "30,000 Cubic Yards of Clam Shells," completion date being June 14, 1967.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. TED FORD: Mr. Chairman, my second item is the recommendation of the acceptance and authorization for the Director to execute a contract with Charlie/Papa Productions, Inc. of Washington, D. C. for the production of an estuarine conservation film. Our share of the cost is to be \$7800.00. I would like to explain just a moment, that this is a cooperative project with the other Gulf States, the four other Gulf States who are members of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. We established a committee with representatives from each state. We reviewed some 34 or more offers in the form of bids and presentations and we selected a 1, 2, 3 priority level. This firm in Washington, D. C. offers to do this photography in 35mm color. They would then reduce it to 16mm and make distribution to the participating states. It is a very forward movement and in our opinion, and one that is particularly needed to protect our nursery areas which we commonly refer to as estuarine areas. I would like to recommend this to the Commission at this time.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure? Moved by Mr. A. J. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jerry Jones. Hearing no opposition, be it so ordered. Thank you, Sir.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the five states bordering the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana, Texas,

Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, are in the process of establishing a program protecting the estuarine areas, and

WHEREAS, it has been realized that a film production on this matter is necessary and would greatly aid in assisting to protect the estuarine areas, and

WHEREAS, some 34 or more production offers have been reviewed and a 1, 2, 3 priority selection has been made.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission and agree to enter into a contract for the production of an estuarine film with the Charlie/Papa Productions, Inc. of Washington, D. C. This contract cost will be shared on a cooperative basis with four other Gulf States besides Louisiana, with the total cost being \$7,800.00 for the film production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Before we go into the next order of our business, the request for any business to come from the floor. But, before we do so, I would like to say that I see many distinguished guests in our audience. I see one of our former Commissioners, Mr. Fleming who just arrived and I want to say at this time that I won't take the time to introduce each and every one of you, because I feel that every one of you are going to talk a little bit later on and I will have ample time to introduce all of you. I have noticed that one gentlemen who may have come to talk and who may have not, but I feel compelled to introduce him to you, since he is our champion in our deer fight, he is a Representative, he comes to us from Calcasieu Parish. A couple of years ago, he introduced a legislation that was passed, giving the Commission the sole rights in the setting of the regulations of deer. Unfortunately, many parishes were deleted from this coverage, but I would like to introduce to you, at this time, our champion, Representative "Tubby" Lyons. Tubby will you stand up, say a word if you like.

I want you all to understand, all you other important people we are not skipping over you, but these legislators, you know how fast they move and I am afraid he will get away from here and we might want him to fight for another battle for us and we had better talk to him. Glad to have you with us, Tubby. Mr. Fleming is here to talk and I guarantee he is here to talk. Is Representative Bauer here? Yes, well, we are going to reserve him too, he is going to talk a little later on. So we will get with the Representative and also I see that the Mayor is here; however, I will reserve that too. Believe me when I tell you that everybody that I have not introduced, is going to get introduced. While, we still have our regular monthly meeting, there are several people that want to speak. At this time, I want to ask for those people and I believe Mayor Brownell and, probably, Representative Bauer would like to speak at this time. Would you care to come to the microphone, either or both of you, whoever is going to. I might say this in recognition of the Mayor here, he is probably one of the most active and interesting Mayors in wildlife and fisheries in the State of Louisiana. I don't believe that I have ever attended a meeting that was public and needed someone of his stature to attend and he was not there. I have attended a lot of our regular Commission meetings that sometimes have become very dull that he was there. He is very interesting and does a good job for Wild Life and Fisheries and I certainly appreciate his efforts. Mayor.

MAYOR BROWNELL: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Commission, I want to say it is always a pleasure to come here. I have come for two reasons. I am interested, I must be to drive 150 miles to attend these meetings and come here year after year. I have come for two reasons, I have come here to learn things and also, to inform you on certain things that probably developed in our area. I want to call to your attention, of course, our delegation has been increasing as time goes by. I come up here, now, accompanied by our State Representative. He is rather new, but I know that he is very enthusiastic about this and problems that we have in wildlife. We have two of

our Police Jurymen here, which is an improvement. In the past we were not represented here and last year, I think we had one and now, I think we have two. So, these people are surely here with the interest and, of course, our large hunting clubs are represented. I want to say that from the stand point of our area there, gentlemen, we do have problems. I think that we are one of the fastest growing areas of Louisiana, industrially speaking, we are growing. Right now, I think there is just about half of the people that work out of that port that can find living space there. I feel that with this in mind, we are aware of the tremendous increase of population and at the same time, we are also aware of the decrease of the hunting areas in this, the great sportsmanship of hunting that we have got to face up with. In other words, we are going to have to concentrate our efforts if we are going to serve the public. In our area, we do have many hunting clubs that surely have fostered conservation, but I feel like at this time, that we have to consider the huntsmen or the sportsmen who surely cannot afford to join these clubs or they are limited and, therefore, we are looking forward to some kind of program down there, having public hunting and increasing it, improving it, rather, to the point where we can have a program for the future. Because as time goes on, I feel like that this is something that is going to have to be preserved and if we don't do it at this time, there will be no land available. I want to point out another factor, I feel that there is a lot of land available, it will be available at no cost to the Commission as far as the purchasing or renting. I am sure that the leases could be gotten with out any cost and I think that with a little development in that area we can go a long way. Because we are situated in an area which surely has no facilities at this time in this area here, as far as the public hunting goes-- whatever land is not managed by the State--and I think that is what we are looking forward to. To try to have something where we can make better use of our wonderful biology department that we have with your State and the various types

of facilities that we have that would help us out. I think another thing that is very important and I would like to bring up at this time is that the generalization of laws that we pass in the legislature. I feel that we should individualize them into different sections, what benefits one section, perhaps, will hurt another one. I surely would like to stress this point, from the standpoint of those legislators that are here that surely when we pass laws down there, sometimes it can hurt when we go against the different biologists recommendations of the area and conservation measures. For instance, I can point out in one instance that I know that the coon hunting in north Louisiana is more or less a sport. It is something that is carried on, why in south Louisiana it takes on a different phase, its done for commercial, on a commercial basis. Coming from a section where we realize that law enforcement is one of the hardest problems down there that we have and surely it brings out certain things that we, would help us out, I think that if we could look into that from the stand point of just how much, a certain thing like this type of hunting, cuts into the conservation measure. So gentlemen, let me say that without anything further, I surely would want to commend you on your efforts in the past. I feel that surely the amount of cooperation that you have given us in working with us and Dr. Glasgow, I know that we can look forward to a very good program with his training and all and that we will be able to come out with a program down there that will help this area out and the people that we have down there and we surely look forward to in every way possible to cooperate with you in any new programs that come up with. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you lots, Mayor. It is always a pleasure to have you with us and listen to your remarks. They are most always most informative. I believe, at this time, you have some constitutants--Representative Bauer. Representative, now before you get to the microphone, there are two things--one thing I forgot to do. You must state your name and if you represent a certain place for our records, But I would like to say about Representative Bauer,,

that from what little bit I know of him and it is very small and it looks like we got another "Tubby" Lyons with us and Tubby, I hope you will grab him before he leaves out and kind of, I know that you have already been indoctrinating him and you will probably "stick another needle" in him and kind of help him along a little bit.

REPRESENTATIVE BAUER: We sit right next to one another.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, he has probably already indoctrinated him. State your name so it will be on the tape, please.

REPRESENTATIVE BAUER: Carl Bauer, St. Mary Parish Representative. Mr. Thompson, Chairman and members of the Commission, my colleague Tubby Lyons, ladies and gentlemen. It is not very easy, of course, to follow Dr. Brownell at this microphone on anything of this sort. I am glad I am with him and not against him, but, in any event, I certainly endorse everything he had to say in relation to our part of Louisiana. I brought with me a little extra ammunition from Senator Harvey Peltier, Jr. He met with us last week, in Morgan City, at a meeting with us on the various problems we have in our area and I would like to read this to you, because I would like to have this incorporated as part of the program this morning. It is a very short letter. The essence of it is "Concerning the possibility of a game management program sponsored by the Louisiana State Wildlife and Fisheries, it is my understanding that there are no such game management areas in South Louisiana and the public officials and people of St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes are interested in such a program. I understand that the Policy of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been not to sponsor a game management program in an area less than 10,000 acres of land. I would like to see one on either or both of the 7000 acre tracts in St. Martin Parish that is available on a pilot program." Of course, that is really why we are here. I think that most of you are aware, we do have now. I talked to Representative Burton Angelle, this morning in Breaux Bridge and he can put together another area very similar to the one Dr. Brownell is talking

about, in the southern part of St. Martin Parish. Representative Angelle is ready to put one together in the northern part of St. Martin Parish. This may sound strange, St. Mary Parish Representative is here talking about St. Martin Parish, but are contiguous parishes. The property Dr. Brownell is talking about is just out of Morgan City area, so it is really effecting all of our area. We are very interested in seeing this program developed, because we feel it is a pilot program. We have a very definite problem in South Louisiana, convincing large land owners to turn their property loose for this type of thing. To lease this type of property, they are not going to sell it, to lease this type of property to the State for this type of program. If we can get a pilot program or two pilot programs going in our area, we feel we can convince the people of all of South Louisiana, after this is going, that it will work, that it is to the best interest to do it and certainly it is to the interest of all of the people in the area for controlled hunting. So we are here, on this very problem, we are here with more facts and figures, a lot more than I have presented. Mr. Luke and Mr. Russo of the St. Mary Parish Police Jury have some reports here and some petitions they would like to offer you. Gentlemen, thank you very much for the time, again, I say that we endorse or I endorse everything that Dr. Brownell has said and everything that will be said by the Police Jury. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you lots. I don't know, if now is the proper time to take action on this, but if it needs Board action I would like to recommend that we instruct our personnel to pursue this leasing of this lands immediately.

Moved by Mr. Jerry Jones and seconded by Mr. Clay Wright. If I hear no opposition, it be so ordered. The wheels are turning.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, wilderness areas are rapidly disappearing due to an ever increasing population and the growth of the agricultural field.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission

does hereby direct and instruct Commission personnel to investigate and study the possibility of the establishment of game management areas in St. Martin and St. Mary Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report be given to the Commission as to the findings and feasibility of this proposal.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now, will the two Police Jurymen come. State your name so it will be on tape.

MR. JOE RUSSO: My name is Joe C. Russo. I am representing the St. Mary Parish Police Jury and I don't think that I can improve on the eloquent speakers that were before me, Honorable Carl Bauer and Honorable Mayor Brownell. There is only one thing I want to add to that. I would like for the Commission to see the feasibility about printing on the hunting license and the trapping license, the date of each species of game. Like I said, anything that you all can do for our area we would appreciate it tremendously. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you lots. I might tell you this that I don't think, you are talking about the date of the season on the license? I think that it is impossible to do this due to the fact that these licenses are printed so far in advance before the seasons are set. Am I correct on that, Dick? So, I am afraid you lost that battle.

MR. JOE RUSSO: No, I don't mean for this year. I mean for the coming year.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, Sir, I am afraid it still won't work for this reason. We don't know those dates for this time, but yet, I am sure--are the licenses already printed? Dick, would you answer this for me. Let Dick Yancey tell you.

MR. YANCEY: Our hunting regulations on resident game are not set until late July and, of course, the licenses are usually ordered from the printer in May. Of course, we don't have the hunting regulations on migratory waterfowl until late August. This is the reason the dates are not incorporated on your hunting licenses. Of course, the Commission does publish around 300,000 pamphlets each year to distribute the information to all the hunters in the State. Also, these hunting regulations adopted

by the Commission are published in the Louisiana Conservationist magazine which I am sure almost everyone keeps up with and also in news releases. We think that this information is widely distributed. It would be of an advantage to do what you are speaking of, but we are operating against a time table that we really can't live with on this hunting license arrangement.

MR. JOE RUSSO: I certainly appreciate that information, because now "the monkey is off my back".

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Joe, we will help you on something else. Mr. Luke would you like to use the microphone. While he is coming to the microphone, I told you I was not going to introduce anyone else; however, I did speak with a gentleman who told me he might come by and say "Hello" to us and he had no intentions of talking. However, I will see if we can change his mind, one of our ex-Commissioners and Chairman, probably one of the youngest men who ever served on this Commission and probably for the longest term, who has just come in, Mr. Ray Whatley. Ray, would you like to say just a word before we continue. Well, that is fine, glad to have you here with us, Ray Whatley. Excuse me go ahead.

MR. EARL G. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. I am Earl G. Luke, a member of the St. Mary Parish Police Jury and a member of the wildlife and fisheries committee. I would like to submit to you two reports here, one a petition and one a resolution. One a petition from a group of people who signed this petition at a meeting held and conducted by the St. Mary Parish Police Jury pertaining to this same wildlife game management area. I will read the petition and then I will submit the petition to you. "We, the under signed, petition the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries to take immediate steps to procure game management areas in South Louisiana, especially in the vicinity of the Morgan City, Berwick, Patterson and Franklin areas." I would like to submit that. Then, from the St. Mary Police Jury, this resolution: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish

Police Jury strongly recommends to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission of the State of Louisiana that they give favorable consideration to the development of a game management area at Grassy Lake area, an area comprised of approximately 7,000 acres." Thank you lots.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: For clarification, let me say to you people, you know that there are two Grassy Lake areas and you have reference to the one...

MR. EARL G. LUKE: That is the one nearer the St. Martin area.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, we have one in the Avoyelles Parish area and also one there, the one that you are speaking of and in the St. Martin Parish area. We certainly thank you for coming to the microphone. At this time, I would like to ask if there is anyone else in our audience who would like to speak at our regular monthly meeting on anything. Now, understand this is not the hearing of the seasons; we will close this meeting and go on into the hearing on bag limits. So if you have something else you would like to speak on. Mr. Bill Day, would you come to the microphone and state your name and who you represent, and so forth.

MR. BILL DAY: Yes, Sir, I had filled out a card apparently it got lost.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: No, Mr. Day, the cards are filled out for the hunting season.

MR. BILL DAY: I would like to speak as Vice-Chairman of the Buhlow Lake Commission, my name is Bill Day. I would like to request on behalf of the Buhlow Lake Commission an immediate population survey of the aquatic life in Buhlow Lake. I would like to secure from the Commission recommendations for stocking or restocking if that is necessary, and recommendations for removal of trash and rough fish, if that is necessary as proven by the survey and to secure the assistance of the assistance of the Commission in both stocking and removal of the rough fish.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Bill, we can comply with that request, I feel sure.

MR. BILL DAY: Monday?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: No, I don't believe we will make it Monday. I tell you, I found out a little bit about government, the wheels move, but not quite that fast. I am just trying to think....Kenneth Smith, will you take note of this please and

when Joe returns, see that it is done. Anything else, Bill.

MR. BILL DAY: Yes, Sir, can I slip away from the microphone and then be re-recognized.

.....Bill Day, representing the tax payer and citizen. We will start now at the end of the list. I would like to ask of the Commission a direct question and get a direct answer if the direct answer is available. To what organization or political body or Commission or person will have direct control and authority on the Indian Bayou control structure on Catahoula Lake, presently being constructed by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, on the Saline Game Management Area for the purpose of water control on Catahoula Lake?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Either Dick or Doc, which of you would like to answer? Dick, would you give him whatever information you have.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: The control in operation of this water control structure that will be installed in the canal that is currently being dredged in Catahoula Lake over to Black River, will be vested in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The water level management plan that will be drawn up, under which this control structure will be operated, will be approved by the State and also the Corps of Engineers. That is the present arrangement under which this structure will be operated.

MR. BILL DAY: Will this supersede the Catahoula Lake Game and Fish Commission, which has by law authority to set water levels on the lake?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: This is yet to be determined, Bill.

MR. BILL DAY: Thank you.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: You mentioned, I said the State, the Corps and the Bureau will prepare this plan, I did not say who in the State will be preparing that.

MR. BILL DAY: I am aware of that. Mr. Chairman, I would also like to direct a question to the Commission and again, receive a direct answer, if possible in regard to the Saline Game Management Area and to the progress of the immediate resumption of the fencing and as to what areas will be fenced on this game management area and the present cow population?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Some of those questions, Bill, I am sure can be answered, but some of those I am sure cannot. Who is current on where their progress is. Dick, all right. I can tell you the areas, but I think Dick is probably more versed on the progress and so forth.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Well, the contract that was issued by the Commission, some three or four months ago, I believe for a sum of about \$63,000.00 and which was subsequently amended, will include the fencing of the area between Highway 28 and Larto Lake. All of these several private tracts in the area will be surrounded by the fence and the Highway 28 will have a fence along its east side and the fence will run down along the Saline Bayou for a distance of about 8 and a half miles. So this contract will call for encircling this entire area, between Highway 28 and Larto Lake, plus a private tract within this. It is about 55,000 acres that we are speaking of here. Now, the contract does not call for fencing about four miles running northwest from Saline Lake, that, there is no arrangements that have been made at this time. But, it will call for surrounding this entire area, except for that four miles. The reason being that under the original contract, this 8½ miles of fence was to run across the property along the north side of the canal that the Corps is constructing out there, but this contract was amended to move this 8½ miles down to Saline Bayou. This amendment has already been approved and made, so this would call for a new arrangement on this last four miles that I am speaking of, running northwest from Saline Lake.

MR. BILL DAY: Has the fencing commenced again?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Yes, the fencing is underway out there at this time. Along Highway 28 has been constructed for a distance of about 7 or 8 miles.

MR. BILL DAY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to address this question to the Chair and to the Commission, to the members of the news media, radio television and newspaper.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Bill, I will have to over rule you, I don't believe we have time for all of them to answer you.

MR. BILL DAY: That is a leading statement, Mr. Thompson.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, go ahead.

MR. BILL DAY: I would like very much to take this opportunity to commend Dr. Leslie Glasgow and I assume, the Commission, for the appointment of Mr. Jimmie Gillespie. Go right ahead....I will yield to you, Mr. Wright, with pleasure.

MR. WRIGHT: I would like to be gentlemanly.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, go ahead.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you want me to finish?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: He had yielded to you, if you so choose.

MR. BILL DAY: I certainly yield to you, Mr. Wright.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do you want to wait, Clay?

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Yes, I think so.

MR. BILL DAY: If I can collect my thoughts again, without interruption. I would like to commend Dr. Glasgow, as I say I do trust the members of the Commission for the appointment of Mr. Jimmie Gillespie as Assistant Chief of Enforcement. I would like to say that I think that he will certainly be provided with the great deal of support from those that are interested in enforcement of the game laws such as they are in the State of Louisiana. I believe that the Outdoor Writers' Association of Louisiana will certainly make the information of the appreciation available to any political appointee or hack or hanger-on in high places or former associates of the Commission, and to the Governor, or anybody else who shares or cares to listen to the appointment of Mr. Gillespie. I am sure we have all heard some tales of fish fries and disgruntled district captains; however, if Mr. Gillespie has offended, we in the general public believe that Mr. Gillespie has offended primarily the outlaw and we do hope that he will continue and again, we thank Dr. Glasgow for this appointment. However, I would like to know why the appointment was kept such a secret by the Publicity Department of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission? Mr. Thompson.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, Bill, I can answer some of your questions, some I cannot in reference to the appointment of Jimmie Gillespie as Assistant Chief. This Commission concerns itself with the appointment as so stated to Dr. Glasgow and, I believe, all previous directors that we are concerned primarily with the appointment of all Chiefs and that any subsequent appointment come from the Director and down the chain of line. So, if congratulations, if so or whatever, are directed to Dr. Glasgow. In reference as to why the publicity was held up, there was a publicity release that I received, I think, yesterday. As I say government wheels sometimes turn very slow, but I don't know of any other reason why it was held up, if it was held up.

MR. BILL DAY: Well, I had understood that somebody on the Commission said don't send the release out, that is why I was asking.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do you have any concrete evidence or anything....Do you have that as concrete.

MR. BILL DAY: No, that is sufficient, I think. Personally, I understand, that it was gotten out within a half hour, after it was asked for by the proper person. I was just a little disappointed in the....in this, because the appointment was made, you know it was not made yesterday, when was it? The first of June. Here we are, what is this? the 23rd. The wheels of government there are certainly turning slow.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is that all, Bill? I am sure we will hear more from Bill Day later. Thank you, Bill, it is always a....Bill Day, I might explain that he and I do quite a bit of fussing and we don't see eye to eye on just everything, but I do appreciate Bill Day coming and stating his views as a private citizen. I think the whole Commission appreciates it. I have another gentleman who would like to speak. Would you come to the microphone and....would you yield just one moment. Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: I should go ahead and complete that statement on that fencing out there on Saline for Bill's benefit and that is that the Commission, Bill, last year adopted a resolution that this entire Saline area would be fenced by the end

of 1967. So, this would include this last four miles and that the stock would be removed at that time. This was the word and adopted by a resolution of the Commission, in public session, in New Orleans, last August, I believe it was, and this was reaffirmed by the Commission in another meeting in New Orleans, about two or three months ago. So, this plan will be carried out by the end of this year.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: He has another one, behind you. Would you come to the microphone, Bill? State your name and who you represent.

MR. WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS: Mr. Thompson, members of the Board. My name is William B. Phillips, I am a local sportsman. My interest is two fold. One is for ducks here today and the other one is pollution. Certainly, the Commission has been very active in pollution. I am running a little late and was just wondering whether the subject has been brought up. But the question that I would like to pose is this. Pollution, especially at this time, in Little River, in Grant Parish, whom we are all familiar with, is so black that I would like to suggest that at this time, the Commission see that it is re-named Black River. I am fixing to put up a sign to that effect at the Little River bridge, at Whatley crossing. Now, certainly, pollution all over our state is rather rampant. Recently, I had a trip in an aircraft and had a chance to look around the State at the conditions from the air. The average layman, like myself, can't understand and see the gross quantity of the pollution that are existant today in our streams and tributaries running into our streams. Now, this is the greatest aspect that is holding back fish and wildlife in our State today, as well as forestry products. I think, Commission, that you people ought to get a little bit more active in this direction and to have our Game Agents enforce the laws that are already on the books. We have had just absolutely too much baloney about this thing and promises from these different companies to rectify these situations. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Commissioners, if Bill Phillips, this person, was to violate the law in any capacity, I expect to go to jail. If you caught me dumping a box of slop into one of these streams,

you would put me in jail. The laws are on the books and I would like to suggest that you either enforce them or get them completely off the books. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Bill, I will have to answer you. As a courtesy to you, Bill, I was allowing you to continue at the microphones; however, I would like to tell you that this is not a charge of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, but rather of the Stream Control Commission, which meets this next Tuesday at 10:00 in Baton Rouge, at L. S. U. This is not a direct charge. The way this....by way of explanation to the general public, the Director of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is automatically the Chairman of the Stream Control Commission. For this reason, sometimes in fact, many times and also because we have a pollution committee headed up by Mr. Bob Lafleur, that sometimes it is misconstrued that this is under our direct control. This is not correct, it is under the Stream Control Commission. So, actually, we listened to you as a courtesy, Bill.

MR. WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS: May I ask one question while I am here? Enforcement comes under your direction, doesn't it? Enforcement of the laws.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Of certain laws.

MR. WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS: I can only quote fact that a Game Warden's Hand Manual of 1957, revised, a copy of which I have. It says that when pollution is prevalent and existant that it constitutes an offence and etc., etc. I was wondering why enforcement had not been taken towards this direction.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I am going to call upon Dick Yancey to answer this question.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: I will quote from the law book here.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: He has a later book than you, Bill.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: The Stream Control Commission has control of waste disposal, public or private, by any person into any of the waters of the State, or any tributaries or drains flowing into such waters for prevention of pollution tending to destroy fish life or being injurious to the public health, public welfare or to the other aquatic life or wild or domestic animals or fowls. So, they have the jurisdiction. Now, in so far as enforcement arrangements are concerned. Yes,

the enforcement of Enforcement Agents of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission do enforce the orders of the Stream Control Commission. But, you have got to have an order before you can enforce it. So, I think your first step is to go through the Stream Control Commission and work out an order. Does that answer your question there? Good.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you. Is there anyone else? All right, you will be next. State your name and who you represent.

MR. SYLVAN AYCOCK: My name is Sylvan Aycock. I represent a group of dis-organized sportsmen in Vernon Parish and unofficially, a member of a new organization in Sabine Parish, Teledo Bend Wildlife Association. I would like to echo Mr. Day's comment about the hiring of Captain Gillespie, because, you more than anyone else, Sir, in this room probably knows that what you do here and the recommendation steps that you take won't go very far without enforcement. I have one question that I would like to direct to the Board, the Commission here, and that is the question of supervision of agents. Now, we have one agent, if he has averaged one arrest in two years, during the ten years that he has been employed, I am surprised. I think his record is about five arrests, which he has made in conjunction with other agents, none are on his own. This man has been on the Commission, been on the Enforcement Division for about 10 years. Yet, I understand that this man came under fire recently and his immediate, not immediate supervisor, the captain over in his district gave him a satisfactory. Now, you have already cut off action that I was thinking about making and that was application as Game Agent I, but you cut it to a 35 year limit, so I am a little beyond that. I wish, gentlemen, that someone would take a look and review some of these records of agents and because you look at the Conservationist, I mean the one that you had, the most recent one out. This man is not alone. I believe they had him listed for three or four, may be five arrests, others without any. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Just a minute, Capt. Nugent is in the room. Are you in the room, Captain? Just a minute, no, keep your seat. I didn't catch, and I seem

to think that you were avoiding the naming of this person. Did you name him? If you did, I would be glad for Captain Nugent to come to the microphone.

MR. SYLVAN AYCOCK: Captain Nugent is his supervisor.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, I mean did you name the gentlemen.

MR. SYLVAN AYCOCK: His name is Self. Jennings Bryan Self.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Captain Nugent, would you be so kind as to come up and give him a report on this or answer to his question. I could not call Captain Nugent to the microphone without a name and I didn't know whether I had missed the name back in your conversation, may be someone had distracted me.

CAPTAIN NUGENT: I am Captain Nugent, Enforcement Supervisor of District III, here which includes the Parish of Vernon that he is speaking of. Primarily what the gentleman has stated is true. However, it is also true that on two different occasions that the man has been rated unsatisfactorily. He has been down to the office a number of times and he has always been given time to improve his work, so forth and so on, which he hasn't done. Primarily, what his statement is, is correct.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, I will just be frank with you. Personally, I have no knowledge direct of this, I know that we have quite a few game wardens in the State that don't do a whole lot of work, but that comes under the Administrative Department and I think that the Board will back me up on this. Administrators Administrate.

CAPTAIN NUGENT: I would like to say this--that if there is anyone on the Commission that can correct this situation, I am all for it. Thank you.

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: Since this has come out, I might report how this happened since I have been Director. I did have this gentleman come to the office, we had quite a conversation. The last thing I told him was, I am going to fire you if you don't do better. Since that time, he has been re-rated satisfactory, I cannot fire the man and have it stick with Civil Service unless I have an unsatisfactory rating for

him. When that appears, I will fire him.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I have one ahead of you, Bill. Yes.

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Gentlemen, since this deal with Enforcement and Gillespie, and this, that and the other has come up. I would like for the Director, since he has already appointed Mr. William Gillespie, Jr., Assistant Chief of the Enforcement, I would like for him to publicly explain the appointment, at this time. This man has two convictions which still stand on him.

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: First, what are the convictions.

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Here they are, right here, Doctor. I have a certified copy of the convictions, criminal damage and criminal mischeviousness, against him in the 6th District Court of Tallulah. There they are, right here.

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: Mr. Gillespie is a very good agent. He is firm, he is fair, he is among the best in the State. Last fall, soon after I became Director, I began to get complaints about a certain hunting club in northern Louisiana. Sometimes these people would call and leave their name and sometimes they didn't. One person called me and said I am a violator, I have hunted at this club, but I can't take what goes on there. I had different calls, so I sent Captain Gillespie to this club to check it out. He found much what these people described. He arrested the owner of the place for possession of illegal deer, he went back a week later and found the same condition, re-arrested the man and filed charges in both instances. Captain Gillespie went in through a road, he took a gate off the hinges, put it back on, went on in. He went on down the road he left a fence down, put it back up, went on through after the charge was made. He was then charged with criminal mischeviousness, I believe. Now, in my opinion, Captain Gillespie was carrying out an order I gave him. He was doing his duty. This charge was made and it is true that he was convicted on criminal mischief for what I have told you and that is the status of it. But, in reviewing, this case is being appealed, but in reviewing all of the records that have come to me and I think I have read every record that has come to the Enforcement Division and

those come in every week. Those records of Captain Gillespie stand out among all others. They show administrative ability. They contain meat, they are good records. So I have appointed Captain Gillespie, because I think the people in this State want good law enforcement. I really believe they do. I have no political motives, I was just trying to do a good job and I will continue.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, gentlemen. Mr. Wright, did you want a rebuttal or something?

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: The only thing I have to say about the thing is that I didn't know he was appointed and I knew of these charges just in the last week or two.

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: I was present in Court when the case was handled. I know all about it.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: Clay, I want to...My name is H. B. Fairchild, I am a Member of the Commission. I have been on this....Clay, you and I have never falled out....I want to say a few things. I have been on this Commission going on five years. Ever since you have been on there, you think I am going to start. You wanted to take Avoyelles out of the eight District and you took them out and put them in another District. All right, now, we did that. Then, we, you wanted to get Couvillion. First, though, you wanted to get Charlie. I mean, Mr. Ventrella was a No. IV, Junior Perpars was a No. III, you wanted to get rid of them. So, they took them out of the District. Then, you wanted to get Mr. Couvillion out of Avoyelles Parish, so we took him out and put him over in Concordia. Then, we come along with Leonard New for Chief. We waited two years before we got a Chief and you was against that. Then, Coburn Hood....wait a minute, I am talking now. But, you didn't vote that day, you didn't say anything. Then, you had Hood in that deal, you was against that. Now, Gillespie, so we voted at a public meeting that we was going to leave everything excepting the Chiefs for Dr. Glasgow to hire. Because, after all, he is the Director and he has to work with people. I think our job is policy makers. God knows, I have been and know I have never asked upon nobody, I have never asked to hire a man, because I don't think it is my place.

Now, if we were to ask the Board to appoint a Assistant Chief, I guarantee we couldn't agreed on a man, I guarantee you. May be somebody wanted Lesma Hebert, or Mr. Hebert, somebody Trochhiano, somebody Charlie Ventrella, he is my area.

I would had to vote for Charlie Ventrella, he is my area. I don't know who you would have voted for, but it has just been that way. So, I think that Dr. Glasgow made a wise selection. I don't know Gillespie, I met him about three times, but I do know what he stands for in enforcement and that is what we got to have if we are going to have anything, now, Clay

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: I behold to that too. Let me tell you this, Mr. Fairchild.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, let me say one thing. I am going to give you a rebuttal, Clay, and we are not going to get into a personal arguement or a policy arguement at this meeting. So, I will limit everybody's time to a certain time, so, Clay, get your rebuttal. I see a lot of people want to talk on the same subject and we will hear you in just a moment as a courtesy to the Commissioners, we will hear them first. Clay, you will be next and any other Commissioner who so wishes to speak.

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Mr. Thompson, Chairman and Commission, gentlemen and ladies. We talk about Mr. Leonard New. I had thought Mr. Cotton Fairchild voted for Mr. Lonnie Rogers to be Chief of Enforcement Division, not Mr. Leonard New, in Shreveport you were talking about. So, I mean.....

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: The reason I did, he wasn't on the list, Bro. Mr. Rogers was on the list and he was No. 1. No, the other man was No. 1 and he was No. 2 and the other man, let me tell you, but Mr. New's name was not on that list at Shreveport from Civil Service.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We are going to have a season and bag limit hearing today. The next Commissioner, I would like to recognize Mr. A. J. Buquet. Just one moment, A. J., we have to move the microphone.

MR. A. J. BUQUET; My name is A. J. Buquet and I feel as though this discussion could go on indefinitely; therefore, Mr. Chairman, if I am in order I would like

to make a motion that Dr. Glasgow be given a vote of confidence for the action which he has taken.

MR. HOBSON NORRIS: I would like to second this motion. I said I would like to second this motion of Mr. A. J. Buquet, that we give our Director, Mr. Leslie L. Glasgow, our full confidence and which I certainly respect with everything that I have that he is trying to do a good job and I also know Mr. Jim Gillespie and I believe that he is a wonderful agent. He happens to be up in the District that I hunt in and I think it was a good selection when he appointed him Assistant Chief of Enforcement.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That was, the last speaker, Mr. Hobson Norris, for the records. I have a motion and I also have a second and I would like to ask that before this motion be voted on that we hear from all the other people who have information regarding this particular instant. Would that be your pleasure, would that be O.K., Mr. Buquet? Mr. Buquet, could we hold up voting on your motion until everyone has spoken, the people in the audience? If you all call for a vote now, we will have it.

MR. JOHN EDWIN KYLE, JR.: My name is J. E. Kyle, Jr., I would like now to make a statement. I would like to make a motion now that this thing be tabled, because as far as I am concerned it wasn't until last....lets put it this way, it wasn't until three or four days ago, may be seven that as a Commissioner, I even knew Mr. Gillespie was appointed. He was appointed fully two weeks before I got any information which may have hurt my feeling, personally, for not being informed. But, realizing it was the Director's prerogative and it wasn't until last night that these charges with the conviction of Captain Gillespie, I was shown those. Now, right now, for me to vote on a vote of confidence or ask any other Commissioners to do it without an investigation and saying that the charges are not valid, that it is being done for political reasons, when I happen to be a friend of the Judge's up there, Judge Adams. I think a lot of him. It is just putting the Commission, personally as a Commissioner, of making a choice and may be running down a friend.

I would like to table this. If we had a chance to have some further investigation and discussion on this.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Moved by Mr. Ed Kyle that Mr. A. J. Buquet and Mr. Hobson Norris' seconded motion be tabled at this time. Do I hear a second to Mr. Kyle's? It has been seconded by Mr. Clay Wright that the motion of Mr. Buquet, so be tabled at this time. Is there any discussion.

MR. ED KYLE: You can't discuss a motion that is tabled.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: O. K., what do I do now? Gentlemen, at this time I would like to call for a vote on this. I am sure there will be some opposition, so I would like to ask that all of those in favor of the tabling of this motion signify by show of hands. 1, 2 and 3. I would like for it to be recorded as three voting for it. I would like to also ask those opposed signify by raising their right hand. I have 1, 2, I have 3. I figured that. Well, you all are going to just let me take a minute before I will vote. Gentlemen, I am sorry this is information. We are voting on whether Dr. Glasgow be commended.....No, we are voting right now. It is up to me and, boy, you talk about a hot spot. Gentlemen, I want to tell you all a little story, but I know that now is not the time to tell you. In view of the charge that has been ascertained there which I do not know of whether it is proper or improper, I feel that I will have to vote that this motion be tabled for the time being. We will just have to cast a vote at a future date.

MR. JERRY JONES: I may want to eventually want to vote to commend Dr. Glasgow. I feel that in all fairness to Mr. Gillespie and in all fairness to Dr. Glasgow and fairness to us, as Commissioners, to have to make this decision. We are called upon to make a decision to commend Dr. Glasgow as to the ability of Mr. Gillespie for the job, whether he was the right man. Prior to this time, the responsibility for naming employees below the grade of Chief has been, we have given to the Director. Giving him complete discretion. Now, you are asking us to judge, whether or not he exercised his discretion properly. I think in all fairness to him and to us that we be given the opportunity to get all of the facts. Here are some charges

that have been placed before us about Mr. Gillespie having been convicted. Now, when I say that we be given the opportunity, I don't mean that this be put off until some other time and the matter never be brought up again. I am going to suggest that the Chairman set our next regular public meeting as the time to bring this up again and in the interim we take a look at it and look at Mr. Gillespie's background. I don't mind publicly expressing my feeling as to about, how Dr. Glasgow appointment of Mr. Gillespie. I don't mind any time, but I feel in all fairness to us and to Mr. Gillespie and to Dr. Glasgow that we have all of the facts. May be we have them all, but I think in all fairness as Mr. Kyle says we say the charges last night. Again, I have no qualms about publicly expressing my confidence or lack of confidence in Dr. Glasgow of this.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, since Mr. Jones has had the opportunity to state this which he so ably stated, I will have to tell you the reason for my voting to table the motion. It is simply a period of this, as Chairman, I think that I am charged with administrating justice, etc. and etc., and since there have been charges which I did know of. I won't plead innocent that I did know of these charges, that it would be proper and fair for me at this time to wait to get the situation as Mr. Jones spoke of, be cleared up before we take this vote. I personally, would have no reservations, no reservations whatsoever in expressing my views on Mr. Buquet's motion. But, I think that it would be proper, I think that since there are some three of the Commissioners one way and three the other and since all of the information has not been properly, or may be properly, has not been presented that both sides be entitled to time to present both of them. Is there anyone else that would like to speak on this motion? Mr. Buquet, would you bring the mic please, one moment? Yield to Mr. Norris.

MR. A. J. BUQUET: Again, Mr. Chairman, my name is Mr. Buquet. This Commission has a policy of having a say in the hiring of the Chiefs of the Departments. That policy had been set many year back. The Director has the authority to hire his own assistants and that is also in your records and I don't think that this

Commission should come up here in public gatherings, criticizing the Director for executing the authority that he has been vested. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Again, that was very well put, Mr. Buquet and that also echoes sentiments of mine. So, you see that I am personally on two sides of this thing. I am trying to do a fair job here and I don't know which way is fair, but I will come back, would somebody else like to speak? Mr. Norris, I believe you would like to speak. Would you turn the mic, please.

MR. HOBSON NORRIS: Well, I go along with Mr. Buquet and that was my understanding this motion would show confidence in our Director. He has made the appointment and that has already been done. I am backing him up in his wisdom of choosing the Assistant Chief of Enforcement and it seems, as though, may be some of our Commissioners don't have the confidence in our Director that he is able to ascertain as to whether or not he is the proper man for the appointment. I think that Dr. Glasgow is kept pretty well in touch as to what is going on over the State since he has been Director and is trying to do a good job. I want to state again that I am well pleased with the efforts that he is putting out by trying to do a good job for the Commission. My understanding was that is what my second to Mr. Buquet's motion would do was giving the support to our Director which he already had the authority, that was given to him several years ago, to the Director to hire these men that had to come under his administrative duties.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Norris. Mr. Kyle.

MR. ED KYLE: My name is J. E. Kyle, Jr. This is not a question of whether we have got confidence in the Director or not. Excuse me, to get on this issue, charges were brought which I just heard about last night. Now, for me to ask to sit in judgement of these things, when I have had possibly, may be an hour or an hour and a half to even investigate it, I don't think it is fair to the people concerned, I don't think it is fair to you all. The only thing this thing was tabled was on the specific question is if the charges are anywhere near true, then we should take some action as a public trust.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Kyle. I am sorry, gentlemen, you will have to let the Commission, this is our business now, we are voting here and you just happen to be guest and able to listen to it. We have already voted. We cannot vote, we can no longer vote on Mr. Buquet's motion commending Dr. Glasgow for the hiring of Mr. Gillespie. However, the Chair will certainly entertain a motion at this time and I think it can be voted on that this Commission commend....lets see how I would like to see some one say that.....Well, it is not assine, Cotton, because I am in favor of Dr. Glasgow and I do believe in him and I do support him and I like to see a motion saying that we support him as Director. I have stated many times, whenever you make a mistake.....just a minute, Jerry.....when you make a mistake on this Commission you are going to be condemned for it and all the good that you do, will likely go to seed for the good that is often interred in the bones and the evil that lives after them. I do admire Dr. Glasgow, it is like I said, but if you chose not to say it, well, fine we will forget it, but I have said it. Mr. Jones.

MR. JERRY JONES: I make a motion to publicly express our confidence in Dr. Glasgow.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That is what I want.

MR. JERRY JONES: Well, I make that motion right now.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, moved by Jerry. We have another motion by Mr. Jerry Jones, seconded by Mr. Ed Kyle. If I have any comment on this? Mr. Buquet.

MR. A. J. BUQUET: Mr. Chairman, I can't very well see how I can cast a ballot on that motion, because I have tried to make it clear that the fact that we have given the Director the authority to hire the assistants down the line. I, in turn, made a motion that we give him a vote of confidence in executing the order that was issued to him and it has been thrown out. Now, you want me to turn around and vote to give him a vote of confidence? No, because the Board has already voted against it. I say that we are contradicting ourselves. If he has the authority to hire the subordinate officers, he has it and I asked that he be given the vote

of confidence in executing the authority that has been issued to him. Now, we turn that down, What are we doing? What are we doing?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, A. J., I didn't read it that way.

MR. A. J. BUQUET: If the mistake has been made, if the courts are right, if the charges are filed--those things will have to follow, because it has been admitted that he was found guilty in one court, Dr. Glasgow was aware of that. It is admitted.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We did not make that exact motion. We made the motion for hiring, Gentlemen, all right, that is the motion that you made. We have had one motion tabled that's been voted on. Are you putting this in the form of a motion to table this or are you just not going to vote?

MR. A. J. BUQUET: I am just going to abstain from voting, because I just don't think it adds up. I think we are contradicting ourselves.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, we have another motion before the house, at this time. Does anyone else like to speak on it before the Commission? If no one else would like to speak, we will call for a vote at this time. It has been seconded, Mr. Kyle seconded it. Mr. Jones made it, Mr. Kyle seconded it. We have a motion before the house, at this time I would like to call for a vote. We had better have a show of hands for those who would like to vote on it. I am for it. Those by show of hands who are for it. I have got 1, 2, 3, 4.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: Well, I am voting against it for the same reason as A. J.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, now those against it. Are you abstaining? Gentlemen, the vote is four to nothing to commend Dr. Glasgow. I guess we had go ahead, some of the sportsmen want to talk about it. This gentleman here.

MR. KARL FONTENOT: Mr. Chairman, Dr. Glasgow, my name is Karl Fontenot, President of the Calcasieu Rod and Gun Club, Lake Charles, Louisiana. I have come representing some 1,000 sportsmen in southwest Louisiana and the views that I would like to express are those of these 1,000 sportsmen and their families. We wish to commend Dr. Glasgow for his appointment of Mr. New and Mr. Gillespie and as far as the charges brought against Mr. Gillespie, I have been in court three times; once for

malicious mischief, once for trespassing and one that I was acquitted of. I don't think....I was convicted twice for malicious mischief and trespassing. These charges are no more severe than running a red light, or stop sign, or going 70 M.P.H. These charges have been brought against every one of us in this room, unless you had a knock down by not only the D.A. I don't think these convictions disqualifies me of obtaining a job with the Commission or the United States Government or with the Secret Service. Again, I wish to express our Club's views on commending Dr. Glasgow and I wish this Commission would pass a resolution giving him a vote of confidence for the appointments which he has made. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you lots. Now, let me get some that haven't spoken. You will be last on this deal, because you have had a chance.

MR. ARTHUR DARNSTEADT: My name is Arthur Darnsteadt.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Back to order please. All right. Gentlemen, please come to order. Will you state your name again, please, Sir?

MR. ARTHUR DARNSTEADT: Arthur Darnsteadt, Vice-President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. In lieu of the fact that we have not had our official Board Meeting and we will have such Sunday morning, over at the Holiday Inn, but based on evidence that we already submitted resolutions from the Wildlife Federation to this Commission and they are in your file to this Commission and it is public information as how the Federation, as a whole, holds the respect of Captain Gillespie. So, I am sure that I speak on behalf of the Federation and I can assure you now that I am going to be one, if no one else does it, who will introduce a resolution Sunday, to be adopted by our organization in support of Captain Gillespie. I would like to take just another moment or two to commend this fine body of Commissioners for the things that you have done. We all know that you certainly are criticized on any number of occasions, but any public official appreciates a little bit of compliments once in a while. Over in Lake Charles, you are presently constructing your regional office and I guess, possibly, Mr. Jones is the only one who has viewed the construction started a week or so ago and this is a fine new increase in your

program of representation of the Commission and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as a whole, giving additional services to the people. Now, we have in our area and I think the State as a whole had a very serious blow to our personal friendships and also to the Commission in losing two very fine representatives of your organization. One was Mr. Harry Gates and the other one, just recently, Mr. Lloyd Anders. We over in Southwest Louisiana were very close to these people and we ask on behalf of the sportsmen of the area and I am sure, Karl, the President of our Club who was not boasting when he said one thousand because we rounded up the last 61 members last night and we are going to turn in a 1,000 membership to Charlie Bosch tomorrow. We would like this Commission, and we mean this constructively, rather than critically, to give very, very careful consideration to the man who is selected and I have had an occasion to talk to Joe Herring and some other members of your staff, concerning the qualifications, finding out what the qualification would be, but you need a man who can get out there with a clear heart, a clear conscience and a gift of gab to sell your program and objective and also to help conservation. It is going to take a lot of doing to replace Harry, but I am sure in this world there is always someone who can replace all of us, if we look hard enough. So, I ask that you very carefully select the man to replace Harry. Now, in the case of Mr. Anders, I did not personally know him on a day to day basis, but we have a situation over in our area and again this is not a derogatory remark, but we have a portion of our parish in the north, extreme northwest corner, and for some reason, for some reason it seems to be a no-man's land for game enforcement. Now, this is the feeling of two of our police jurors and it has also been stated by communications from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Mr. Roy Whatley, and I know I can speak for him, is the police juror in ward 6 and Mr. Johnny Miller in ward 5 which is Starks, La. We have almost non-existent game law enforcement or management of any kind in the Starks-Sabine area. I wish you would look into this. In appointing a new person to replace Mr. Lloyd Anders, as a suggestion, find some one who is aggressive, who in turn is a mixer with the sportsmen. You know, the

old time game agent, this is the more or less, fellow that you see on the poster in the old time character; the modern game agent is a mixer, he is a representative of the Commission and also, he is a man that should be a friend of the sportsmen. Take this into consideration. We certainly want to commend you and I am sure that there will be much in the way of things that concern this Commission at our Board Meeting Sunday.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for all of your remarks. Who is next?

MR. JOE SPRINGER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director, Members of the Commission, my name is Joe Springer, I am from Pineville, Louisiana and I am here primarily here representing the quail hunters of this State and secondarily, the squirrel and rabbit hunters.....

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: May I ask if you are going to speak on seasons and bag limits?

MR. JOE SPRINGER: No, Sir. I am here to protest being squeezed off the hunting scene, not purposely, I am sure, but as a way of life. We are rapidly reaching the end of public hunting in these sports. The pine trees are being planted to support the industry and it is necessary, but it is also taking up the area of where the quail range. The hardwoods have been cleaned out to grow soybeans that is where the squirrels range. Deer are being and have been for quite some time, the number one project of the Commission apparently, and where they go number one, the other things go lacking. I went down to the Evangeline Area yesterday to check and make sure nothing had changed since the last time since I was down there. I hunted that area before it was a game management area and it was prime quail hunting country. Now, I hunted it after it became a game management area and I might state that since the Kennon administration in 1952, was the last administration that I know that did anything to increase the quail population. They fenced and planted feed plots. Then, there were some feed plots fenced and planted in the Evangeline game management area and planted a couple of years. Since that time, they have been laying out and they are nothing, I went to check on it, the gaps are down. I took some pictures, but they won't be ready until 11:30; however, I don't think the

pictures are actually necessary to support it, if there is any question as to the truth of my statement, I can show you the plots or the pictures which ever one you choose. But, little pine saplings have grown around those plots to where it leaves about an acre that is clear and it is unplanted and has been for several years. Little pine saplings all around, as thick as they can get, nothing lives under them or through them. It is a rare thing to find covey birds in the Evangeline Game Management Area. I am in the same shape a lot of people are in, I am not able to belong to a private hunting club and pay to shoot 8 to 10 birds which I just don't enjoy to start with. I would get about as much pleasure as I would to shoot a chicken and I would like to see some program instituted where my boys can be assured, who are just reaching the age where they can hunt, will have a wild quail to shoot at in the years to come. To do this, we are going to have to make some provisions now, before industry snaps up all of the land that is currently available and I ask this Commission to give every consideration to doing something to help us preserve the bobwhite quail to hunt in Louisiana. I might add that I specifically noticed and I believe the occasion was when Dr. Glasgow addressed the Central Louisiana Press Club, I won't be positive on this, but he enumerated on this as published in the local newspaper a list of various species of wildlife which the Commission was doing something for. This went from the number one project, deer, all the way down to crawfish, but it omitted entirely on this list quail, I don't know if it is a misprint or what happened. That is all I have to say on that subject. I would like to ask one question, if I may. I have been informed by a usually reliable source that I am not able to divulge the name of the informer at the present time, but I am given to understand that negotiations are underway currently between the agencies of the Federal government and the agencies of the State of Louisiana to turn the management of the Kisatchie National Forest entirely over the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. One of the first requirements of this agreement will be that no dogs will be allowed to be loose in the National Forest at any time other than in the open hunting season.

Now, I would like to ask if you if the Commission or any of the members are aware of such negotiations?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There are negotiations for the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to take over all of the Federally owned lands in the Forest. Now, we have two or three members, or did have of the Forestry Service here representing us and we most anxiously desire to take over all of that area, if we can; however, the stipulation of no dogs, I am not aware of, but if it comes, it comes from the Federal Government. If we want it we will probably have to take it, unless fellows like you and the others complain enough to Washington or the powers that be that set those stipulations, but we are very interested in taking those lands over so that the general public will have a place to hunt that won't be privately owned and held in hunting clubs so that some people will have the opportunity. I would like to make one more comments while I have the mic, this Commission is actively engaged in quail research and so forth in reference to quail. It may have been omitted. But, I will tell you this that I think, from what little bit I know, because I am not a quail hunter, that we are fighting a losing battle with our quail for more than one reason. Things that are not controllable by this Commission, for instance clean fence rows and all of the things that you are aware of and I might state the thing of the timber or growing of pine trees which we again have no control of, but, by the mere fact that the people who control the land are in the business of growing such, but we are doing the best that we can, we are working, we are interested. We are most interested and, believe me, you are not the first one to tell us this, we hear it many times and you are not being flushed down the drain or anything like that. It is just that there is just so much that we can do and we are trying to do it and if anything else comes to our attention, we will do it. Have you any other questions?

MR. JOE SPRINGER: I would like to ask if you could give me a specific example of something you are doing for the quail and also if the Evangeline Game Management area comes under your jurisdiction?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The Evangeline Game Management Area comes under our jurisdiction and I think that it is either Federally owned land....Am I correct in that? Will someone bear me out on that? That is Federally owned land. Is that Kisatchie Forest? It is Kisatchie Forest and we do follow the guide lines that they set forth and they are in the business of raising timber. So, those pine trees probably won't be cut.

MR. JOE SPRINGER: Well, does the Commission own out right any game management area that is specifically.....what about the area west of Leesville, between Leesville and the Texas border there?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We don't own that either. We only have a few tracts that we own in the State out right; however, I will say as I have said many times before, this Commission is most desirable of purchasing land in any place that we can. We recently purchased the Spring Bayou Area, the Red River Game Management Area and of course, we have the Saline Game Management Area and we have the one up in Monroe and we have some, probably six or seven pieces that we own in fee. But, beyond that most of our lands are leased.

MR. JOE SPRINGER: Well, I was aware of the recent purchases and it seemed that the trend was to purchase areas that are swamp lands and areas that are not conducive...

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: May I stop you one minute. No, Sir, the trend is to purchase that kind. The trend is that we have purchased it because that was all that was offered. We are most desirous in purchasing land and I ask you to please help us find it. Please help us find land that will fit into our plan and we have been assured by the Governor of this State that he will find the money for us to purchase it, if we can find the land. We can't find the land, we are looking for it. Several times I have made public to the press, would you please print this, we are hunting land, please help us, but we are hunting and if you can help us find a piece of land, we are most interested in buying it. We won't pay seven prices for it, but we are most interested in buying land. We have the authority and we have the backing of the Governor of the State to buy this land when it is found. Does that

answer your question?

MR. JOE SPRINGER: Well, I am pleased to hear that. I don't know of any for sale at this time, but I would like to ask you if you would also be interested in leasing an area that would serve for the same purpose.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We are also interested in leasing this land.

MR. JOE SPRINGER: Well, I would like to refer you back to your records, if you have records going back to some five years ago, Mr. Buquet is the only face that I recognize on the Commission that was on here at that time. Along with a delegation I appeared before this Commission in Monroe, Louisiana and at that time, I believe the appointment was secured by Mr. Fleming for Mr. Ward Law of Shreveport and myself along with a couple of other gentlemen to appear before this Commission. Arrangements had been almost completed whereby our tract of land in the Turkey Creek area that was not for sale, but was available for a long term lease, primarily at a cost only of fencing this area and patrolling it and keeping the fire out. At that time, the Commission plead poverty and the Governor has agreed to come up with the money. I will check into this land and see if it is still available and give you the details. Fine. Thank you, Sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Fine. Thank you lots, Sir.

MR. FRANK ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I am Frank Adams, Sports Editor of the Lake Charles American Press and if you will indulge, I would like to come back and ask you a question for just a moment and direct several questions to Dr. Glasgow. Now, Doctor, as I understand the criminal....what is it? The criminal mischief charges filed against Captain Gillespie, while he was in the process of investigating violations in a hunting camp, which consequently resulted in his filing not one, but two charges against an individual for violations of our hunting laws. Is that correct?

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: That is correct. He was acting on my orders.

MR. FRANK ADAMS: Though the charges against Gillespie and the charges filed by

Gillespie occurred in the same area. Is that correct?

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: I believe so.

MR. FRANK ADAMS: Could you tell us what disposition has been made of the charges filed by Captain Gillespie?

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: The man was found guilty.

MR. FRANK ADAMS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Bill, lets wait until every one has had a chance to talk.

Don't worry, you are going to get another chance to talk. Come to the mic please and state your name.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: M. D. Regions, Chairman of the Grant Wildlife Association. The item that I mentioned to you a while ago, it did not have anything to do with seasons and bag limits, so if it meets with your approval I would like to discuss it with you now. Well, I say it did not have anything to do with it. It was on the permit system.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Oh, yes, that would be all right.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: It would be an order of business for the Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: This man is going to be in a hurry, his wife is waiting for him. Go ahead, M. D.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: Mr. Chairman, on thing I would like to ask, before I go into this, since it was mentioned briefly concerning the Kisatchie National Forest. Since I do lease land, a large area of land from this forest, and I am definitely interested in it, I am wondering what the Commission's stand would be in regard to grazing rights. If they did take over this vast area.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: This wouldn't be in our jurisdiction, this is handled by the Federal Government.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: That was my understanding in this, it would still come under a law passed in Congress.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We would have no control over it then.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: That answers that then.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: Mr. Chairman, then if I may, since you and Dr. Glasgow are familiar with the Catahoula Game Management Area, I would like to briefly brief the other members of the Commission with a map that I have to kind of give them an idea on what we are trying to do with this permit system.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I think they are all familiar with the area.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: Well, we will go from there then, if that is all right. This is the size of a box car and I don't like to handle it. As you well know, Catahoula Game Management Area is a complex area, it is enterlaced with some 25 roads or more, public roads, One Federal Highway and Several State Highways. Due to the fact that it does have this amount of entrances to it, it is almost impossible for the enforcement department to enforce the amount of hunters or the rules and regulations of the Commission and the hunters go in and out of this game management area. It is also impossible for the biologists of this Commission to determine the amount of deer that is harvested in the game management area that is not fenced and it would be out of the question to even consider trying to fence it. During the time that this game management area is open, adjacent to it and several areas, we have a population of hunters camping out, in excess sometimes of over 1,000, many of these hunters, as I say adjacent to this game management area, do not go into this game management area to receive permits to hunt on this area. They hunt out side of the game management area, they hunt both sexes of deer and they do not check them out inside. Once you try to check these people, you have no case against them. You can check them, you can catch them with illegal deer or doe deer, you can ask him where is his permit--I have lost it. Or, where did you go into it? Well, I went into it on Highway 167. There is no way to check him for there are no records kept where this hunter ever went into this game management area or not.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Don't we pick up his license, when we give him a permit?

MR. M. D. REGIONS: You do.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Also his deer tag when he comes out?

MR. M. D. REGIONS: But, you don't have any record of it., whatsoever. For the time

being. See you take it out, you give him this part here and you slip his license under here. All he has is this. When he comes back, he slips it under there and he takes his license. There is nothing left. You have no record whatsoever that this man ever went into the game management area.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Don't we keep a record of this man's name and address in his absence whenever possible? Well, go ahead.

MR. M. D. REGIONS: Too many times, whether this tag was ever received or not, he says that he has lost it. It won't stand up with a District Attorney. I mean, these cases have come up and they will not stand up. This is just the idea with this new permit system. If you will notice the permit system will be a new permit, you can make it any size you want it, and it would be in three different parts. Your top part and your number one part of your permit will have your permit number, which you do not now have. It will also have a date and also have the license number of the hunter. This number one stub will stay in the book as it does now. The number two part and your number three stub will be given to the hunter. Upon returning to the station that the hunters came into, he can return the number two part and pick up his hunting license, but the number three part, if he had a deer killed it would have to be stamped at the weigh out station. It would also state on there that all deer killed at the Catahoula Game Management Area must be checked out at the weighing station. This is something now that there is nothing that says that a deer killed must be checked out at the weighing station. There is no regulations that I can find any where, no notices printed, or any thing; therefore, the vast majority of the deer killed where they are killed, whether on the game management area or not, are not checked out, it is too much trouble to go by. He has his hunting license, gentlemen, and he goes home. It is too much trouble to go over there. And, I might add too, that there are too many times that deer are killed out side of the game management area and carried into the game management area to receive the tag so that they will be legal. So, therefore, you don't reglly know exactly how many deer you really have killed, all you know is just what has been checked out

and that is all. The hunter must have this tag on his possession. Now, this is an important part on enforcement. As it is now, it is next to impossible for the enforcement department to do anything, under the present tagging system that you have. They have no record whatsoever. They have no way of trying to get a case against this man. I have records, you have records, and the District Attorney has records. You can't prosecute the man, not on this lame thing that you have, it just won't stand up in court.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I was going to say something, may be it would save us a little time. All right, well, I was going to say why don't we ask Mr. Joe Herring, who is head of that division, to council with you and enforcement and see if the three of you can't work out something and benefit from this discussion. If you want to go ahead with it publicly, go ahead. Joe, would you please talk with Mr. Regions?

MR. M. D. REGIONS: As I said, this tag must be stamped at the weighing station which would make the deer kill legal. Any one killing a deer out side the game management area could not have this tag in his possession; therefore, it would be illegal if he were caught. It was also stated on there, that it would be illegal to hunt on the Catahoula Game Management Area's adjacent lands with out his basic hunting license, which you know it would be, but there is too many times that you would be surprised at the amount of people that would say that I didn't know. I thank you, gentlemen.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you lots, M. D. If you will get with Mr. Herring and if you will work with Mr. Nugent and see if you can't iron out some of these problems. Some of them may be some reason we can't and some of them we can. But, it certainly is constructive criticism and we certainly appreciate it. Representative did you want to say any thing. I noticed on your card you said just A.M., you must be leaving? Please come to the microphone. I am sorry I did not call you earlier, but when I recognized you I did not know whether you wanted them to wait or not.

REPRESENTATIVE LYONS: Mr. Chairman, Dr. Glasgow, Members of the Board, ladies and gentlemen, I am Representative Tubby Lyons of Calcasieu Parish, but I do have to

leave at noon. I had the opportunity to come by this morning and must work tonight. You know, being a representative it does not make you a living, so you have to make your living. I don't ever have time to hunt or fish any more, but I joined the Rod and Gun Club in Lake Charles, after I was elected, to try to try to keep up to date with their problems, to be able to try to help the sportsmen of our area and of the State of Louisiana with any of the problems that they may have in game management or try to preserve our game and make it possible for our future generations to have the enjoyment of hunting and fishing. I don't have the time to stay, but I wish I could. But, I want to say here that one of the first things that I was faced with from the sportsmen of Calcasieu Parish, after I was elected, was that I remember that they were expecting a change in the Director of Wild Life and Fisheries. There was a lot of excitement about it. Sure enough, there was a change and then, all I could hear from the Rod and Gun Club meetings and from the sportsmen at home that we have men that are trained to make decisions from the Wild Life and State, but they have no authority. So, I took it upon myself to try to dig into this thing as best I could to find out. Then, I began to hear that what we needed for a Director was a biologist. If we had a biologist, that studies the game habits and what have you, in this State, that it would be good. Well, it took a while to get it done, but when the Governor did make a move, I was very proud to say today that he did not just hire a biologist, but he hired the man that trained the biologists. On the floor of the House when we were arguing the question of paying Dr. Glasgow a wage commensurate to his ability and at least up to what he was having to quite a job to do this for. I pleaded with the House of Representatives to give this man a chance, to get behind an expert one time and let's all push together in the State of Louisiana and see what happens. Because I remember 15 to 20 years ago, I don't believe that we have as much game as we have today. I think the State of Louisiana has come a long way. I believe that under the able direction of an expert we have a chance to have the greatest hunting state in the nation. I

am here to tell you that I want a copy of the rest of the meeting's minutes, whereby I can read it. I am here to help you with your problems and I would like to be able to get with the group from Lake Charles when they get back home, to discuss the things that have come out and any way that I can help, I am at your service. Thank you kindly.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Tubby. Gentlemen, may I ask at this time, would you like to recess the Board since it is very near 12 and take a very short lunch period for the very reason that it looks like it is going to run on. Who else has business on this? Two.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: We will try to finish up, then we will recess and get on the bag limits.

MR. ARTHUR RATEEK: My name is Arthur Rateek, a member of Bossier Parish Police Jury, Mr. Chairman. To you, Mr. Chairman and the Members of the Commission and Dr. Glasgow, if the record were reversed and played over, you would probably hear the same thing that I am going to say to the Commission, over a long period of time, and that is strictly a lack of enforcement of the game laws of our parish. The situation in Bossier Parish has become extremely embarrassing to the governing authority and the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Since the report came out in the Conservationist whereby, a Parish of great lakes, beautiful forests, many deer, squirrels and wildlife in abundance, I as a member of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for 18 years, again pick up the Conservationist magazine and read this thing. District I, the Director or the head of the Game Commission, now the Enforcement Division made two arrests, Bossier, one wildlife enforcement officer made three arrests in a parish of beautiful lakes, great forests and an abundance of wildlife and just as many criminals. Another wildlife agent made 9 arrests in Bossier Parish and according to the Conservationist magazine Dr. Glasgow, I am taking this as authentic and true and correct. In my parish, where I have served the people for 18 years, I have got to look at the report and hear that there has been no enforcement. I have made an investigation in Bossier Parish, since this came to my attention. I have gone

in to the back woods, where the pioneer people live, asked them what has happened as far as killing doe deer and night hunting, hunting squirrels out of season and doing things on the lake, netting fish out of Lake Bistineau. I have asked these people, these people who know, these people who live on the land from the grass roots of our parish and I have not yet and I say this in all truthfulness, I have not yet heard one complimentary remark about the enforcement or about the officers of enforcement who are supposed to enforce the law of our parish in our State. We the members of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, actually every year hire a man. The other day, we hired a boy and are going to pay him \$50.00 a month. The Police Jury says look, we have got to have some help and we hire a boy, a boy from Haughton, Louisiana, named Barnes. A good clean, cut, Christian boy and he came and appeared before our Police Jury and said this thing is so terrible. If you gentlemen, would buy me a little gasoline and if Sheriff Willis Wagner will authorize and deputize me, I will get in the woods and get on the lakes and try to bring some people up before the District Attorney. We hired the boy. He is a good kid. We need help, we need enforcement and unless we get enforcement, I don't care how much you plan for the quail, I don't care what you do for the deer and I don't care what you do for the wildlife, if you don't stop the criminals from slaughtering these things and the netting of the game fish out of our beautiful lake, then, wildlife in Bossier Parish is gone. Night hunters, we know of night hunters. These things come to us, we hear of these things. We have reports come to us and I will say well, would you sign an application? He said, I don't have the evidence. So, I come before the Commission, once again, and where ever you meet next year or where ever you meet 25 years from now, if I am on the Police Jury, I am going to stand before you gentlemen and not criticize the Commission, but ask you and plead with you to help our parish, Bossier Parish, in enforcing the game law. Because, I say to you again, by your own report that there were 12 apprehensions made in Bossier Parish and I presume that there were 12 convictions. I had a conference with Mr. Lewis H. Paggett, District Attorney of Bossier Parish, yesterday afternoon.

at 3 O'Clock. He called me into conference, because he knew I was coming down here. He says to me, if you will say this to the Commission, I will deeply appreciate it that Mr. Gillespie, by trying his case and presenting his platform through the newspapers without any evidence, has been more harmful to the cooperation of the District Attorney and Wildlife Agents, than anything I have ever read, in the Shreveport Times yesterday morning. This is just in little fun, Mr. Gillespie said, we have also instructed our Agents to get better acquainted with the District Attorneys, he concluded. Now, I am going to suggest that too, I think all the agents ought to go meet the District Attorneys, because ours hasn't brought any body before the District Attorney. So, evidently, he hadn't met him yet. A District Attorney, and I am not a District Attorney, a District Attorney said to me that a Wildlife Agent must make the arrest, must make the apprehension, he must preserve the evidence, he must document the evidence, he must write the report and present it to the District Attorney and the District Attorney will prosecute the case. But, if John Doe comes up and says Sam Buck shot a deer yesterday, Mr. District Attorney, I want you to do something about it. What does the Wildlife Enforcement Agent want the District Attorney to do, investigate the case? Whereby, he is employed here to investigate the case and bring concrete, preserved, documentary evidence and place it on the District Attorney's desk. Then, the District Attorney, I guarantee you, ours will, will prosecute the man. I am going to ask the Wild Life and Fisheries representatives of Bossier Parish that if they arrest one man in Bossier Parish and present their case to the District Attorney and he does not prosecute it. If he will bring that case to the Bossier Parish Police Jury, then, we will try it in the newspapers. We will let the public know what the District Attorney is doing, what the Wildlife Agent is doing and if they caught Arthur Rateek and didn't prosecute him, I think it ought to be on page three in double columns as this article written by Mr. Gillespie which is very harmful. William J. Gillespie, Assistant Chief for the Enforcement Division, said yesterday that many District Attorneys in Louisiana do not seek convictions in game law cases.

Just because an Agent does not make cases, and I am through after I read this Sir, just because an Agent doesn't make any cases, doesn't mean he isn't working, said Mr. Gillespie. He said Agents of the Commission work with youth groups, in addition to enforcing the game laws. That is good and well. While he is working with his youth groups, probably some night, his daddy is out shooting deer with a flash light. That is the way that goes. I will venture to say that I will buy the Commission a Stetson hat to the man, if either of our enforcement agents can give me concrete proof that they have ever had a meeting with a youth group of our parish. If it is, it is going to be all news to me. So, I say again, before I sit down and I was real late in getting here, I didn't hear the trial of Mr. Gillespie this morning. I don't know him, Mr. Chairman and I am not concerned. Other than, I am appealing and in all sincerity that we, of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, will do anything in the world to fully cooperate with the Commission, with Mr. Gillespie, with the Enforcement Officers. If you will just put some men up there with some grits in them that will get out to catch the people who are netting our lakes, killing our deer and destroying our wildlife. I thank you for your attention, Sir.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: I thank you for your statement. As we did,.....as Senator....
.....I believe he is No. IV....We will have Mr. Nugent....Mr. Nugent doesn't have that area, I saw Deblieux come in just now, may be he had an explanation. He is in charge of that. He stepped out? Oh, yes, there you are. Do you want to come to the mic?

AGENT DEBLIEUX: No, I can talk here.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: All right. No, better come on up here.

AGENT DEBLIEUX: We all are going to make an investigation into that area. As our Police Jurer said there has been some lax law enforcement in the area. We are not trying to give an excuse why, but there is an investigation going to be made. There are going to be Agents in that area.

MR. H. B. FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Mr. Deblieux. I believe Dr. Glasgow has something

on that. Then, I am going to turn it back to Jimmie.

DR. LESLIE GLASGOW: I appreciate the remarks that Mr. Rateek has made, because they are very similar to many that I have made since I have become Director. I think that he has stated well that enforcement has to come first, before you can have very much else. Certainly, I have done a lot of work, put more effort into trying to get good enforcement in this State, then I believe, in any other part of the program. Although, I don't know and I don't want to slight any of it and this thing of William J. Gillespie boils down to one simple fact. Do you want enforcement or do you want politics? That is it.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We had one other gentlemen who was going to speak before. Who was that? You.

MR. ARTHUR RATEEK: Dr. Glasgow, I would like to say one other thing for the record, but if Mr. Gillespie wants to enforce the law, I will help him break down some gates and get into malicious mischief with him.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I thought we had one other gentleman who wanted to speak. Oh, well, besides Bill. O. K.

MR. JOE MARTINEZ: My name is Joe Martinez, I am from Shreveport, I represent some independent bow hunters. What thought crossed my mind when I came down here was that I feel that we have not, in enforcement, used to our greatest capacity people, such as myself, in assisting law enforcement in our game laws. By that, I mean, I think that there could be, not on a pay status, but on a non-pay status a deputy game warden that would work with the game warden. Not as an enforcement division, but as the eyes of this enforcement officer. If he would utilize or have the authority to utilize or at least, study a program to utilize six to ten people that would work with him on specific projects that would not have the authority to do any arresting, but to have the assistance and work with him. This is an area where we can utilize sportsmen, hunters to their best advantage of enforcement without any pay, we could just tenfold his usefulness by these people. I think that it is something that could be pursued that people could be trained not in the enforcement

of law, but as the eyes of these Agents. This would have a twofold purpose: 1, it would certainly get the man off his can, because he would have other people who are directly associated with him that hear from other sportsmen the problems that exist and so it could be utilized that if a meeting once a month of this particular Enforcement Officer, with six to ten men, who are reputable people, landowners, that would assist him in the performance of the job. This is something that, at first, I was going to take up with the others, but I found it fell in this category. So, if a program could be pursued that people could assist the game wardens as eyes, with electronics, with your two-way radios and that, it could be very easily done on a basis such as that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: May I answer you please. You may go ahead and go to your seat. We do have two things, we do have Special Agent's Commissions that are issued by this Commission for just such the purpose that you speak. But, these persons have to be sought after, we don't just walk down and say here take one of these. They should work with the Game Wardens. Also, of course, everyone knows, that you can make citizens arrests, you also can make a citizens information. I have said many times, in fact, once I believe the newspapers kind of jumped me. Ray, for saying that you sportsmen ought to, every time you see someone violate, ought to go the powers that be, to your game Wardens and so forth and report these. This would help the Game Wardens to catch and capture and know about where this action is happening. So, we are in full agreement with you and hope that we will be able to further your....Did any one else have anything to say? All right.

MR. RICHARD FLEMING: I am Richard Fleming, a Member of the Caddo Parish Police Jury. I think I can come up here today, Mr. Chairman, fellow Members of the Commission, not to criticize you. I come up here to thank you for one of the finest and I think one of the greatest launching ramps in the State of Louisiana. I think it is the first in my part of the State and feel like it will be completed by the 4th of July. We constructed a park on Caddo Lake that we have some 42 and a half acres of land. We set some \$65,000.00 into this park, we have picnic tables, barbecue pits, fresh

running water at each table. I think we have something unique. I think we have something in Shreveport that no other part of the State has. You can sit at your table and reach over and turn on the fresh water at every table we have. We have play ground equipment for the children, under a cyclone fence. We are building a ball park, a lighted ball park at the present time. This land was acquired from the City Service Oil Company for some 30 year lease. I want to invite you up there to see this park when you are in Shreveport. I understand that Mr. Herring will be up in a few days and I want to take him out and show him the grounds and I am hoping to get some boat roads cut, not from you gentlemen. I don't think that you would have enough money to cut all of the cypress polls that we have and riggs on Caddo, but from some other department of the State. I might like to have your assistance in helping me secure this money for our fine lake. Thank you, gentlemen, for that launching ramp you have given us.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much, Richard, we appreciate that. Bill Day, I believe that you are the last one on the program.

MR. BILL DAY: My name is Bill Day, Mr. Thompson, and we are going to talk about Mr. Gillespie. We are going to talk about Mr. Billy James too. I would like to ask Mr. Wright what was your opposition to Billy James in so far as him being the Supervisor of the Spring Bayou Management Area? What charges were against him, Clay? What was the objection? I know that he had an outstanding record. He was captain here as an enforcement agent and, I believe, he was doing some enforcement down in Spring Bayou, although, I understand from the agents down there, employed down there, sometime now presented it to the point that they accosted him on the bank the other day. But, what was your object to not hiring Billy James?

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Well, Bill, I think that is my private.....

MR. BILL DAY: No, Sir, it is not. You, as a member of the Commission, objected to him and this is a public body. We are entitled to know why would a Member of the Commission object to a man who has an extremely fine enforcement record?

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: I still say that this is my personal opinion, Bill.

MR. BILL DAY: All right, Sir, I will accept that. Now, I think that Dr. Glasgow rather ably stated in a very few words what I have to say to conclude with. With a question to enforcement and politics. That has been the problem for some time in this State that whether little Ward Healer, the country politician, or the two-bit police juror or a political appointee could get some body off the hook. That is exactly what it boils down to. Mr. Thompson, if I am caught on that lake with five ducks and the season is for, I am going to take my punishment, I'll bet I am not going to ask you to get me out of it, or go to Eddie Kyle and say now, Eddie, look lets talk of it, or go to Gus Voltz, who is my hunting partner, and say now, look, Gus. No, I would be too embarrassed to do so.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now, I am going to answer you. Your embarrassment would be when I turned you down. There is no living soul who asked me to this day and got any cooperation to get them off of the hook on any charge. I have several of them ask me, but no living soul can say that I asked to influence any one, so you have got the same thing that they got. A courteous audience and that is all.

MR. BILL DAY: I am well aware of that, Sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: O. K., go ahead.

MR. BILL DAY: I wish I could say that I feel that way about all Members of the Commission. I wish I could say that I feel that way about all District Attorneys, about all Members of Police Juries, but , various mayors, City Councilmen and the others. I think that this Commission will remember, in its records of the Jonesville Incident Hearing, in which it went on record, Mr. Cotton Fairchild and Mr. Buquet's motion to publicly commend the action of Captain Gillespie and his crew. Now, gentlemen, you have in effect, rescinded that and again, in another instance contradicted yourself. You have given Dr. Glasgow, by Statutory Law that is in that green book that Dick has here, the authority to hire his subordinates below the level of Chief. Yet, by your resolution or tabling of the motion, you are questioning Statutory Law. Now, I would like to know is it the intention of this Commission to attempt to have Mr. Gillespie demoted from Assistant Chief?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You are questioning me?

MR. BILL DAY: Yes, Sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I can't answer that, but I can tell you this. When you quote from this little book that are we questioning Dr. Glasgow or are we questioning Gillespie, we are questioning Joe Herring or Dick Yancey or are we questioning any one. This Commission, I think, is charged with the responsibility of hiring the Chiefs who are in turn responsible for the subordinates under them. I think, in any instance, if we find any of these people wrong doings or mal-function of office, it is the duty of this Commission to investigate and see. I think you are wrong when you assert that this Commission was going, I believe that this was the way it sounded, that we in theory by tabling this motion we were saying against Gillespie. This is not my understanding at all. My understanding was.....All right, what did you say? I won't argue with you.

MR. BILL DAY: Well, I said is this Commission going to attempt through political coercion, phone calls to the Governor and counseling with him and listing to various and sundry, minor and major, politicians and former State Policemen in the Governor's office and former Chairman and Director's of this Commission, to over ride Dr. Glasgow's selection of Jimmie Gillespie as Assistant Chief? Now, if they are I think that we can try the case in the newspapers and I think it is probably going to be tried there anyway.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now, all right, someone else is going to answer this.

MR. JERRY JONES: Mr. Chairman, can I say one thing?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Wait, Jerry, I believe Ed had it ahead of you.

MR. ED KYLE: I have an obligation to know something about it. If a charge had been made that this man is innocent, you certainly would not expect me to give any body a vote of confidence of hiring an insane man.

MR. BILL DAY: But, that was not the charge.

MR. ED KYLE: Now, the criminal charges that I found last night, the conviction, whether criminal or not, which I brought to me last night, for the first time

I am not in a position at this time to evaluate it; therefore, before I vote, I would like some more time.

MR. BILL DAY: Mr. Kyle, it is a Member of the Commission, as I understand it, told the public information department of this organization not to send out a release on this appointment of Mr. Gillespie, back when the appointment was made. That may, perhaps, be why you don't know about it. But, I think may be you ought to investigate that.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Bill, are you presenting a charge? If you are, you will have to tell us a name and you will have to tell us when. I mean, we can't say just some Commission, investigate all of the Commission.

MR. BILL DAY: Mr. Thompson, I am not obligated to tell you that, Sir. But, you are under the obligation to take up a suggestion that such was done.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, Mr. Jones.

MR. JERRY JONES: I don't know whether our Commission Attorney is here or not, but I think that he verify that Mr. Gillespie has a Civil Service position of Assistant Chief. He was given that position by the Commission, through the Director. The only way that he could ever be removed would be by following the Civil Service laws and regulations. It is my understanding that even if this Commission attempted to remove him for these charges, that we could not do it because these charges were known before he was appointed. Anything that I say, I am not concerned with trying to remove him at all. I am merely trying to determine, about the charges and what is behind this and make an investigation so that I can intelligently decide.

MR. BILL DAY: What are you deciding, Mr. Jones? Whether Dr. Glasgow had good sense or not?

MR. JERRY JONES: Some one had asked me whether or not to commend him for hiring a man. I want to determine if he is a qualified man for that job.

MR. BILL DAY: No, what you are trying to determine is if Dr. Glasgow is a qualified man for his job.

MR. JERRY JONES: I am not either. I have told you about that already, I have already made a motion.

MR. BILL DAY: Contradictory.

MR. JERRY JONES: You see, Mr. Day, I am not going to determine to just use the information which you give me...

MR. BILL DAY: I should hope not.

MR. JERRY JONES: Wait just a minute. Not by what you give me or by what Mr. Wright gives me, I will make my own investigation.

MR. BILL DAY: I should hope so.

MR. JERRY JONES: In fact, I would like for all of the Members of this Commission to do it. If we are going to be asked to make a decision, we should be able to make an intelligent investigation. Not based just on your information or Mr. Wright's or any one else's. Now, we have your information and Mr. Wright's information today and the reason that I voted to table this thing is so that we can get of the information, every body's side.

MR. BILL DAY: Well, Will all of that information be made available to the public, through the Public Information Division of this organization when it is gathered?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Day, I think Mr. Whatley would like to speak with you. Oh, when you get through, I thought you were, please go ahead.

MR. BILL DAY: Mr. Thompson, that is all.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: O. K., Bill, I appreciate you coming to these meetings. We will fuss and fight afterwards. I will say that you do get a little controversial.

MR. RAY WHATLEY: Ray Whatley, Alexandria, Louisiana. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make just a few comments, I really don't want to say anything. I have sat in every one of the positions that each and every one of you have. I want to say to this audience here today, these men give their time, their effort, they get very little things--they get a lot of bull here like they got today and I don't think these gentlemen should be subjected to a witches hunt on this. They are intelligent men, they are successful business men and I think they are trying to do

a good job. I don't appreciate the fact that you gentlemen were submitted to all of this today and I would like for you all to all give them to give them a vote of thanks with a little clap of the hands.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Ray Whatley. Yes, Sir. We are going to adjourn after this one, boys. Come on to the microphone.

MR. GEORGE BULLER: I am George Buller, I am a Police Juror from St. Landry Parish. I have been on the Jury, elected by the people, for the past 16 years. I would like to take issue with Mr. Day in the remark that he made here. I don't think it was very complimentary to the Police Juries of this great State of Louisiana. I think that we are some 660 police jurors in this State and I have met most of them at different conventions, wildlife meetings and what have you. If there is one two-bit police juror in the State, I have not met him. May be Mr. Day frequents places that I don't, but I think that that was very uncomplimentary and I think that an apology is in order. I do not know if we are going to get one, but I think that it is in order.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I am going to stop this meeting at this time. Well, we are not going to have a fight here now and we are not going to have an apology here and I appreciate both of you gentlemen's view point and I am going to rule both of you out of order, or may be not out of order. We just don't want to hear this fight. That is something that was said. Does any one have any pertinent business in reference to Wild Life and Fisheries? I don't want to slight any one, gentlemen. But, we are not going to make this a playhouse and I am going to stop it right now. If I hurt some body's feelings, they are going to just have to be hurt, because that is the way we are going to do it. There is a motion before the house from Mr. Wright that we adjourn from this meeting and seconded by Mr. Cotton Fairchild. All those in favor, say "aye", and no opposition. One moment before you go, we will convene and I am going to say we will take a short lunch hour--is it possible that we could all be back in here by 1:00 P.M. That gives us 45 minutes. We will convene at 1:00 P.M. for a different meeting, our hearing for seasons and bag limits.

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